THE LIBRARY OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF
NORTH CAROLINA
AT CHAPEL HILL

THE COLLECTION OF
NORTH CAROLINIANA

C286.4
U58m
1912-1929

Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2014

https://archive.org/details/minutesofannuals12unio

THE LIBRARY OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF
NORTH CAROLINA
AT CHAPEL HILL

THE COLLECTION OF
NORTH CAROLINIANA

C286.4
U58m
1912-1929

UNIVERSITY OF N.C. AT CHAPEL HILL
00043593833

FOR USE ONLY IN

THE NORTH CAROLINA COLLECTION

PLEASE NOTE: This volume of the MINUTES of the UNION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION lacks the following years: 1913-14; 1918-19; and 1926.

MINUTES

OF THE

39th Annual Session

OF THE

UNION

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

OAKY GROVE,

WILSON, COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

October 4th, 5th and 6th, 1912.

P. D. Gold Publishing Co., Wilson, N. C.

C286.4
U58m
1912-1922

PROCEEDINGS.

The Union Association convened with Oaky Grove church, six miles east of Wilson, Wilson County, N. C., on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1912.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Canon Mills from Job. 22:22 verse.

After intermission of thirty minutes the delegates assembled and the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder Rose Williams, after which the Association was called to order.

On motion Elder B. J. Best was chosen Moderator, Ransom Howell, Clerk, Edwin Askin, Treasurer, William Finch, Reporter.

On motion visiting brethren and Messengers from Sister Associations were invited to seats with us.

On motion Brothers A. Fields, Geo. Farmer and Daniel Parker were appointed committee on arrangements.

On motion Elder Peter Joyner was sent to the stand to preach. His text was from Rev. 14:1 verse.

On motion Brothers Jesse Artis, William Hymes and Amos Bryant were appointed finance committee.

On motion letters were called for and read from the several churches and adopted and the messengers' names enrolled.

On motion petitionary letters were called for and read. Two received, first from Author's Chapel, second from Tynes Grove.

Moved that the letters be received and that the churches of Author's Chapel and Tynes Grove be received into the Association.

Called for corresponding letters and messengers from Sister Associations.

From Loven—Elder Bryant Merrill and others.

From Contentnea—Brothers Paul Bunch and David Rean. Received letter from Hickory Springs.

On motion adjournment was taken by singing hymn 511.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Association assembled and was opened with hymn 155, prayer by Elder Rose Williamston and proceeded to business.

On motion roll of churches was called. All present.

NCC
HCU

On motion morning session was read and received.

On motion Brother Amos Bryant was appointed to write the corresponding letter. Elder Jerry Williamston was sent to the stand to preach. His text was 2nd Peter 2:1 verse.

On motion Ministers' license were called for and presented.

On motion by report of committee it was agreed that the next Association convene with the church at Friendship. Elder Rose Williamston was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, Elder James Hymes, alternate.

On motion adjourned to meet Saturday morning at nine o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION, OCT 5.

The session was opened by singing hymn 490, and prayer by Elder Gray Speight.

On motion names of messengers were called. All present.

On motion Friday evening's session was read and received.

On motion corresponding letter was called for and read and received.

On motion it was agreed that Elders Jarmon Barnes and James Hymes preach at the stand. Elder Barnes preached from Rev. 14:13. Elder Hymes from St. John 15:1.

On motion the messengers appointed at last Association to visit Sister Associations were called upon to make their reports. Elder Gray Speight who was sent to the Loven Association made a satisfactory report, which was received.

On motion the committee on Finance was called for and made the following report:

In the hands of the clerk	$4.50
Harpers Chapel	$8.20
Tyson Creek	$5.40
Low Level	$2.00
Oaky Grove	$6.40
Mount Zion Grove	$6.40
Friendship	$7.40
Cobbs Chapel	$2.20
Seven Holly	$6.00
Gayes Chapel	$1.20
Authors Chapel	$3.80
Tynes Grove	60

Total amount $54.10

Expenditures.

For printing minutes $10.00
Allowed clerk for services ..... $ 4.00
Moderator ..... $ 2.00
Given to visiting messengers ..... $ 4.40
Donated to Elder Mack Bunch ..... $ 5.00

Total Amount $25.40

Left in treasury $28.70

On motion agreed to have 500 of these minutes printed.

On motion committee was discharged.

On motion an adjournment was taken by singing hymn 505.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION .

Association was called to order by the Moderator, singing hymn 433 and prayer by Bro. John May.

On motion list of delegates was called. All present.

On motion morning session was read.

On motion session was received.

On motion Elders Canon Mills and Gray Speight were sent to the stand to preach. Elder Mills' text was St. John 15:1. Elder Speight's was St. Mark 1:2.

On motion it was agreed to send messengers to visit Associations with whom we correspond. To the Loven Association Elder Rose Williamston and Contentnea Association, Elder Peter Joyner.

On motion Association adjourned by singing hymn 704.

ELDER B. J. BEST, Moderator.

RANSOM HOWELL, Clerk.

kindness shown during the Association. The Association closed by singing hymn 618.

Circular Letter.

This is the thirty-ninth session of the Union Primitive Baptist Association held with the church at Oaky Grove, Wilson County N. C., commencing on Friday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1912.

Dear Brethren: Through the mercy of our Heavenly Father we are permitted to meet in another Association and hear the ministers preach and expound the word of God. Thanks were given to the brethren and friends for the

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1912. ....

Services were opened by praise and prayer by Bro. John May. He was followed by Elder Rose Williamston who preached from Prov. 8:22. Elder Bryant Merrill from second Timothy 1:9. and Elder B. J. Best from St. John 4:28. Brethren let us contend for the faith that was once delivered to the Saints, and when the Chief Shepherd of sheep shall appear we shall receive a crown of glory that fadetn not away.

Your humble brother in the Lord, I trust,

AMOS BRYANT.

Churches, Pastors, their Postoffices and Time of Holding Their Quarterly Meetings.

Harper's Chapel—Elder Rose Williams, Greenville, N. C., third Sunday in February.

Tyson Creek—Elder Rose Williamston, Greenville, N. C., Fourth Sunday in February.

Low Level—Elder B. J. Best, Walstonburg, N. C., second Sunday in January.

Mount Zion Grove—Elder Cannon Mills, Winterville, N. C., third Sunday in January.

Oaky Grove—Elder B. J. Best, Walstonburg, N. C., fourth Sunday in March.

Friendship—Elder Gray Speight, Fountain, N. C., third Sunday in January.

Cobb's Chapel—Elder B. J. Best, Walstonburg, N. C., third Sunday in March.

Seven Holly—Elder Gray Speights, Fountain, N. C., first Sunday in March.

Gayes Chapel—Elder Jerry Williamston, Fountain, N. C., second Sunday in February.

Author's Chapel—Elder Rose Williamston, Greenville, N. C., first Sunday in January.

Tynes Grove—Elder Jarmon Barnes, Wilson, N. C., second Sunday in February.

Licensed Ministers and Their Postoffices.

Brother Tytus Ellis, Farmville, N. C.

Aaron May, Fountain, N. C.

Jonas Woodard. Wilson, N. C.

Clerks of Churches and Their Postoffices.

Harpers Chapel—Edwin Askin, Farmville, N. C.

Tyson Creek—Alford Fields, Farmville, N. C.

Oaky Grove—Jesse Artis, Wilson, N. C.
Mount Zion Grove—J. H. Hardy, Greenville, N. C.
Friendship—Ransom Howell, Lucama, N. C.
Low Level—Aaron May, Fountain, N. C.
Cobb's Chapel—Jordan Moore, Fountain, N. C.
Seven Holly—George Taylor, Fountain, N. C.
Gayes Chapel—Jesse Artis, Wilson, N. C.
Author's Chapel—Willie Hymes, Authors, N. C.
Tynes Grove—Jonas Woodard, Wilson, N. C.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. No member shall be received from a sister church without a letter of dismission.

2. If a member be given to raising confusion in the churches, whether minister or member, the church must at once take steps to exclude such member.

3. No member shall be allowed to visit ball rooms and parties or in any other way violate the rules adopted by this association and if they do they will be n the hands of the church and be liable to be excluded.

4. Members who will not obey our rules which are simple and easy, must not be held.

5. When a member has been excluded for violating church rules and comes back and makes confession before the church it is the duty of the church to receive the member, and if there be any who through malice are not willing to receive such member, they shall be in the hands of the church.

6. Each church shall fast three times a year.

7. No ordained church of the same faith and order shall be nearer than seven miles.

8. Any member who calls for his name and keeps it in his pocket over three months is considered out of the church and has to return home.

9. Any member failing to attend three succeeding quarterly meetings without sickness shall be in the hands and discretion of the church.

10. All elders and ministers of this association shall hereafter return their license and credentials to the association at its annual meeting that they be in possession of the association, if in case it has any thing against such ministers and elders.

11. All churches of this association shall have ordained

deacons if they possibly can.

12. Any church belonging to Union Association cut off or dropped by an act of this body, or a union meeting of this association, no brother or brothers shall take it up. Neither any association whom we correspond with. Such shall be received only by petitionary letters to the union.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only true and living God and there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and the New Testament are the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in the doctrine of man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall.

9. We believe that baptism, the Lord's supper and washing the saints' feet are ordinances and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

12. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinance of baptism and the Lord's supper except such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of the hand of a regularly ordained presbytery.

13. We expressly prohibit any member belonging to the Union Association, to join or belong to the Masonic Order, or any other secret organization. If any member join such society, they shall not be held by any church belonging to the Union Association, and if any church knowingly hold

such member or members it shall be dropped by the Asso ciation.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches	Pastors	Delegates	Baptized	Rec. on Faith	Rec. by Letter.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Deceased.	Member.	Contributions.
Harpers Chapel	Rose Williamston ..	Edwin Askins								45	18.20
Tyson Creek	Rose Williamston ..	A. Fields	2						1	27	5.40
Oaky Grove	B. J. Best	Jesse Artis	2						1	32	6.40
Mount Zion Grove	Cannon Mills	Amos Bryant	1				2			32	6.40
Low Level	B. J. Best	Edwin Askins					3			18	2.60
Cobb's Chapel	B. J. Best	Jordan Moore					3		1	11	2.20
Friendship.....	Gray Speights	Wm. Finch	1	1						37	7.40
Seven Holly	Gray Speights	Daniel Parker	6					1		30	6.00
Gayes Chapel	Jerry Williamston .	Jesse Artis	1							7	1.40
Authors Chapel	Rose Williamston ..	Willie Hymes	1							14	4.80
Tynes Grove	Jarmon Barnes	Edwin Askins								3	1.10

C 2867
Colored

MINUTES

OF THE

42th Annual Session

OF THE

UNION

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

SEVEN HOLLY

Pitt County, North Carolina

Commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1915.

MINUTES

OF THE

42th Annual Session

OF THE

UNION

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

SEVEN HOLLY

Pitt County, North Carolina

Commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1915.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Union Association convened with the Seven Holly church in Pitt county, N. C., on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1915. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Jarmon Barnes.

After a short intermission the delegates assembled and the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Eld. Jno. Johnson, after which the Association was called to order.

On motion Elder John Johnson was chosen Moderator, Benjamin Bynum, Clerk, and Edmond Askew, Treasurer.

On motion visiting brethren and messengers from sister churches and Associations were invited to seats with us.

On motion the committee on arrangements were appointed.

On motion Elder———————— was sent to the stand to preach.

On motion a finance committee was appointed.

On motion letters were called for and read from several churches and adopted and the messenger's names enrolled.

On motion petitionary letters were called for and read. Corresponding letters were called for from sister Associations.

On motion adjournment was taken by singing hymn 530.

Friday Evening Session.

The Association assembled and was opened with hymn and prayer.

On motion roll of churches was called.

On motion the morning session was read and received.

On motion by report of committee it was agreed that the next Association convene with the church at Mt. Zion Grove.

On motion adjourned to meet Saturday morning at nine o'clock.

Saturday Morning Session.

The session was opened by song and prayer.

On motion names of messengers were called.

On motion Friday evening's session was read and received.

On motion corresponding letters were called for.

On motion the messengers appointed at last Association to visit sister Associations were called upon to make their

reports. From the Loven Association, Elder John Dillihunt; Contentnea, Calvin Bynum and Elder Paul Bunch.

On motion adjournment was taken by singing hymn No. 704.

Saturday Evening Session.

Association was called to order by the Moderator, with hymn and prayer.

On motion morning session was read.

On motion it was agreed that 550 minutes be printed.

On motion it was agreed to send messengers to visit the Association to be held with the Mt. Zion church. Elder Jarmon Barnes was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, Elder John May, alternate. It was agreed that Elder Aaron May continue at Cobb's Chapel until the Association 1916.

On motion conference adjourned, singing hymn No. 701.

Sunday Morning.

Services were opened by Brother Robert Edwards. He was followed by Elder Gray Speight.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. No member shall be received from a sister church without a letter of dismission.

2. If a member be given to raising confusion in the churches, whether minister or member, the church must at once take steps to exclude such member.

3. No member shall be allowed to visit ball rooms and parties or in any other way violate the rules adopted by this Association and if they do they will be in the hands of the church and will be liable to be excluded.

4. Members who will not obey our rules which are simple and easy must not be held.

5. When a member has been excluded for violating the churches rules, and comes back and makes confession before the church, it is the duty of the church to receive the member and if there be any who through malice are not willing to receive such member they shall be in the hands of the church.

6. Each church shall fast three times a year.

7. No ordained church of the same faith and order shall be nearer than seven miles.

8. Any member who calls for his name and keeps it in his pocket over three months is considered out of the church and has to return home.

9. Any member failing to attend three succeeding quarterly meetings without sickness, shall be in the hands and discretion of the church.

10. All elders and ministers of this Association shall hereafter return their license and credentials to the association at its annual meeting that they be in possession of the association, if in case it has anything against such ministers and elders.

11. All churches of this association shall have ordained deacons if they possibly can.

12. Any church belonging to Union Association cut off or dropped by an act of this body, or a union meeting of this association, no brother or brothers shall take it up. Neither any association whom we correspond with. Such shall be received only by petitionary letters to the union.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

We believe in one only true and living God and there are three persons in the God head—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

We believe the scriptures of the Old and the New Testament are the word of God and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

We believe in the doctrine of Eternal and Particular Election.

We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin.

We believe in the doctrine of man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

We believe that the Saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall.

We believe that baptism, the Lord's supper and washing the Saints feet are ordinances and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

We believe that no ministers have a right to administer the ordinance of baptism and the Lord's supper except such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of the hand of a regularly ordained presbytery.

We expressly prohibit any member belonging to the Union Association to join or belong to the Masonic order or any other secret organization. If any member join such society they shall not be held by any church belonging to the Union Association and if any church knowingly hold such members or member it shall be dropped by the Association.

PETITIONARY LETTER.

Dear brethren, and dearly beloved of the Lord, through the mercy of our covenant keeping God and the abounding riches of our God who blessed us with health and the heaven born desire to meet in unity of the spirit and the bond of grace. The work of the spirit of our Lord seems to show itself in lighting up the countenance and radiating in the eyes of the brethren as they meet each other with a hearty hand shake. It manifested not only that God reigned but that His love was in each heart all indicating what was in store for the poor and hungry, which was felt and realized in days gone by, and at present.

How blessed are they that know the gospel sound.

Your brother I trust,

ELDER JOHN S. MAY.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Pastors	Delegates	Baptized	Rec. on Faith	Rec. by Letter	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Deceased	Members	Contributions
Harpers Chapel	J. H. Johnson	E. W. Askew								40	8.00
Tyson Creek	Rose Williamston	A. Fields								34	6.00
Oaky Grove	B. J. Best	Jesse Artis						2		34	6.80
Mount Zion Grove	Cannon Mills	Amos Bryant								31	6.40
Low Level	B. J. Best	E. W. Askew								9	1.80
Cobb's Chapel	Aaron May	J. D. Moore					1		1	8	1.60
Friendship	Gray Speight	Wm. Finch					1	2		41	8.20
Seven Holly	Gray Speight	G. G. Taylor								35	7.80
Gays Chapel	Jerry Williamston	Jesse Artis								9	1.80
Authors Chapel	Rose Williamston	Wiley Hines								15	3.00
Union Grove	J. M. Barnes	J. H. Simms								11	2.20
Willow Green	J. S. May	J. H. Simms	2	1	1					6	1.20

MINUTES

OF THE

43rd Annual Session

OF THE

UNION

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

MOUNT ZION GROVE

Pitt County, North Carolina

COMMENCING ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE FIRST SUNDAY IN OCTOBER, 1916.

PROCEEDINGS.

The meeting was opened by Elder Robert Edwards, by singing hymn No. 535.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Jermon Barnes, from John 3:1.

The following correspondents were received: George Farmer—Harpers Chapel, Brother A. Fields.

Tyson Creek—Brother Lamm Tyson.

Oaky Grove—Brother Jesse Artis.

Mount Zion—Brothers James H. Hardy and Amos Bryant.

Low Level—Brothers Aaron May, James Hardy and Walter Brooks.

Cobbs Chapel—Brothers Jordan Moore and Oscar Wooten.

Friendship—Brother William Finch.
Seven Holly—Brother Daniel Parker.
Gays Chapel—Brother Jesse Artis.
Union Grove—Brother John Simms..
Willow Green—Brother John Simms.

On motion Elder John Johnson was appointed Moderator and Brother Bennie Bynum Clerk.

Then all corresponding and visiting brethren were invited to seats with us.

On motion Bro. W. M. Finch was appointed treasurer.

On motion an arrangement committee was appointed:

Brothers A. F. Fields, John Simms and George Farmer.
Bros. Amos Bryant, Jesse Artis and Daniel Parker were appointed committee on Finance.

Brother Amos Williams was appointed reporter.

On motion Elder John May was sent to the stand to preach. His text was from Isaiah 13:1.

Adjournment was taken, twenty minutes by singing prayer by John Johnson.

On motion petitionary letters were called for and read. hymn No. 704.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Association assembled and was opened with hymn number 200. Prayer by Elder Robert Edwards.

On motion the delegates from sister churches were called and all were found present.

On motion the proceedings of the morning session were read and adopted.

On motion Elder Calvin Atkinson and James Hines were sent to the stand to preach. Their text was St. John 15:-18 and 3:1. Elder Frasell was sent to the stand and preached from Ezekiel 17:13.

On motion petitionary letters were called for and read.

On motion the committee on Finance was called and made the following report:

Harpers Chapel	$8.00
Tyson Creek	6.00
Oaky Grove	6.80
Members	35
Mount Zion	$5.20
Members	31
Low Level	$1.40
Members	6
Cobbs Chapel	$1.60
Members	8
Friendship	$6.40
Seven Holly	$5.60
Members	28
Union Grove	$2.80
Members	14
Gays Chapel	$18.40
Members	6

Union	$2.80
Members	14
Willow Green	$2.60
Members	13

On motion petitionary letters were called. There were none.

On motion corresponding letters and Messengers were called for. Elder M. D. Frasell came forward with the letter from the Loving Association. The letter was received by extending the right hand of fellowship.

Elder J. T. Barnes represented the Rescue by a file of Minutes. They were received by extending the right hand of fellowship.

Brother Calvin Bynum came forward with a corresponding letter from the Conetoe Association. This was received by extending the right hand of fellowship.

Little River was received by the Moderator.

On motion it was moved that the corresponding association be received and it was carried.

The committee on Finance was called for and made the following report:

In the hands of the treasurer—$49.20.

On motion adjournment was taken until Saturday morning, 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Moderator read the morning lesson from Matthew 18:1.

The session was opened by singing hymn No. 533 and prayer by Bro. Calvin Atkinson.

After a short intermission the association proceeded to business.

On motion Friday evening session was read, received and adopted.

On motion the Finance committee made their reports.

The reports were satisfactory. On motion the Arrangement committee sent Elder Jerry Williams to the stand. His text was from St. John 17:1.

On motion Elder J. T. Barnes was sent to the stand.

Elder John R. Barnes was sent to the stand. His text was from Rev. 22:1.

On motion it was agreed that the next Association be held at Low Level, Edgecombe county, one mile from Fountain, N. C., commencing Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1917. Elder James Hines was appointed to preach the introductory. Elder Jerry Williams alternate. On motion the conference adjourned by singing hymn No. 674.

SATURDAY EVENINGS EESSION

The association was called to order by the Moderator, after singing hymn No. 155 and prayer by Elder M. D. Frazell.

On motion the list of delegates were called for, with all present.

On motion the Arrangement committee appointed Elder Ross Williamson to the stand. His text was from Jeremiah 1:5.

On report of committee it was agreed that Elder Cannon Mills go to the stand. His text was from Job 3:17.

On motion it was agreed to send messengers to visit sister associations. On motion it was agreed that they visit Contentnea with a letter.

On motion it was agreed that Elder James Hines be appointed to visit Loving Association. To Little River, Elder Jerry Williams. To Rescue, Elder Jermon Barnes.

On motion it was agreed that no representatives be sent to Hickory Spring.

On motion it was agreed to have 500 Minutes printed and distributed among the brethren and friends.

On motion it was agreed that letters of the Ministerial Board be read at the annual association.

On motion it was moved and seconded that the rules of decorum and Articles of faith be printed in these Minutes.

On motion it was agreed that the Ministerial Board be received. On motion it was agreed that all members belonging to this or sister associations, who will not pay their honest debts shall not be held in the church.

On motion the association adjourned by singing hymn No. 141.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

Services were opened by praise and prayer by Elder John R. Barnes. Hymn number 188 was given out by the Moderator. The association then proceeded to business.

On motion it was agreed that Elder Peter Joyner be left in the hands of the Ministerial Board.

On motion the roll was called with all delegates present.

On motion the Saturday evening session was read, received and adopted. On motion it was agreed that the circular letter be read.

On motion that the letter be received.

On motion it was moved and seconded that license be presented to the Elders.

On motion it was moved and seconded that the finance committee be discharged.

On motion it was agreed to send Elder Robert Edwards to the stand. His text was from St. John 15:1.

On motion it was agreed to send Elder M. D. Frazell to to the stand. His text was from St. John 15:3.

Elder John Johnson was sent to the stand to close the meeting. He preached from: "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want."

On motion it was moved and seconded that any Brother who will not pay an honest debt shall not be held in the church.

The association adjourned by singing hymn No. 704.

Licensed ministers were called as follows:

Elder Ross Williamson—Present.

Elder John May—Present.

Elder B. J. Best—Not present.
Elder Cannon Mills—Present.
Elder Peter Joyner—Not present.
Elder Robert Edwards—Present.
Elder Jerry Williams—Present.
Elder James Hines—Present.
Elder Gray Speight—Present.
Elder Aaron May—Present.
Elder Jarmon Barnes—Present.
Elder John Johnson—Present.

Churches, Pastors and Time of Holding Quarterly Meeting.

Harpers Chapel—Elder J. Johnson, Farmville, N. C., 3rd Sunday in February.

Tyson Creek—Elder Ross Williamson, Greenville, N. C., Fourth Sunday in February.

Low Level—Elder B. J. Best, Fieldsboro, N. C., Second Sunday in January.

Mount Zion Grove—Elder Cannon Mills, Winterville, N. C., Third Sunday in January.

Oaky Grove—Elder B. J. Best, Fieldsboro, N. C., Fourth Sunday in March.

Friendship—Elder James Hines, Arthur, N. C., Third Sunday in January.

Cobbs Chapel—Elder Aaron May, Third Sunday in March.

Seven Holly—Elder Gray Speight, First Sunday in March.

Gays Chapel—Elder Jerry Williamston, Fountain, N. C., Second Sunday in February.

Union Grove—Elder Jarmon Barnes, Elm City, N. C., Second Sunday in February.

Willow Green—Elder J. S. May, Farmville, N. C., First Sunday in November.

RULES OF DECORUM.

We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing the saint's feet are ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

We believe that punishment of the wicked will be lasting and joys of the righteous will be eternal.

We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinance of baptism and the Lord's Supper, except as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of the hands of a regularly ordained presbytery.

We expressly prohibit any member belonging to the Union association to join or belong to the Masonic Order or any other secret organization. If any member join such society they shall not be held by any church belonging to the union association, and if a church knowingly holds such member or members it shall be dropped by the association.

We believe in one only true and living God, and there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

We believe in the doctrine of man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in, by nature of his own free will and ability.

We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

All Elders and ministers of this association shall hereafter return their license and credentials to the association at its annual meeting, that they be in possession of the association if in case it has anything against such ministers and Elders.

All churches of this association shall have ordained deacons if they possibly can.

If any church belonging to the union association shall be cut off or dropped by an act of this body or a union meeting of this association, no brother or brothers shall take it up, neither any association with whom we correspond. Such shall be received only by petitionary letters to the union. It is the duty of the church to receive the members and if there be any who through malice are not willing to receive such member, they shall be in the hands of the church.

Each church shall fast three times each year.

No ordained church of the same faith and order shall be nearer than seven miles.

Any member who calls for his name and keeps it in his pocket over three months is considered out of the church and will have to return home.

If any member fails to attend three succeeding quarterly meetings without sickness shall be in the hands and discretion of the church.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	DELEGATES	Rec'd by Bap.	Rec'd by Exp.	Rec'd by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Deceased	Members	Contribution
Harpers Chapel	John Johnson	A. Fields	0	0	0	1	0	3	40	$8.00
Tyson Creek	Ross Williamston	A. Fields	1	0	2	0	0	0	30	$6.00
Oaky Grove	B. J. Best	Jesse Artis	0	0	1	0	0	0	37	$7.40
Mt. Zion Grove	Cannon Mills	Amos Bryant	0	0	1	0	1	0	31	$5.20
Low Level	Aaron May	Walter Brooks	0	1	1	0	0	0	13	$2.60
Cobbs Chapel	Robert Edwards	Jordan Moore	0	2	0	0	0	0	35	$6.00
Friend Ship	Jimmie Hines	W. M. Finch	0	0	0	1	1	1	38	$6.40
Seven Holly	Gray Speight	Daniel Parker	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	$7.80
Gays Chapel	Jerry Williamston	Wiley Hines	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	$1.40
Union Grove	Jarmon Barnes	John Simms	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	$2.80
Willow Green	John S. May	John Simms	6	0	0	0	0	0	13	$2.60

C286.06

MINUTES

Of The (Primitive)

44th Annual Session

Of The

UNION ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

LOW LEVEL

EDGECOMBE COUNTY, N. C.

Commencing on Friday before the 1st Sunday in Oct., 5, 6, 7, 1917.

PROCEEDINGS

The Union Association convened with the church at Low Level, one mile northwest of Fountain, Edgecombe County, N. C., on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 5, 6, 7, 1917.

Section 1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder James Hines; his text was from John 14:3-4; Elder Aaron May, alternate, his text was John 1-20:1.

Section 1. On motion delegates from sister churches were called and names enrolled.

Section 3. After intermission of thirty minutes the delegates assembled and the association was opened by praise and prayer by Elder Ross Williams, after which the association was called to order.

Section 4. On motion Elder John Johnston was chosen Moderator, Bro. Berry Taylor Clerk, Bro. B. Bynum assistant, Bro. W. M. Finch Treasurer.

Section 5. On motion visiting brethren and messengers from sister associations were invited to take seats with us.

Section 6. On motion Elder Robert Edwards, Elder Ross Williamson, Elder James Hines were appointed committee on Araangements. Bro. Amos Williams was appointed reporter.

Section 7. On motion Elder Peter Joyner was sent to the stand to preach. His text was from Rev. 21:2. Report of the committee to send Elder Jerry Williamson to the stand; his text was from St. John 12:40.

Section 8. On motion Finance committee was appointed: Bro. Amos Bryant, Bro. Jesse Artis, Bro. W. M. Finch.

Section 9. On motion list of delegates was called; all present. On motion letters from sister churches called for and read, received and adopted.

Section 10. On motion corresponding brethren made their reports.

Section 11. On motion petitionary letters were called for. Not any. Elder M. D. Frazel represented the Loving Association. She was received by extending the right hand of fellowship to the Moderator. Elder W. M. Howard came forth with a file of minutes from the Radicue Association. She was received by extending the right hand of fellowship to the Moderator. Brother Thomas Bunch from the Contentnea Association came forth with a letter and a file of minutes. They were received by extending the right hand of fellowship to the Moderator.

Section 12. On motion conference adjourned by singing hymn No. 364.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Sec. 13. The Association assembled and was opened by song No. 35, prayer by Elder John Johnston, after which they proceeded to business.

Sec. 14. On motion list of delegates was called. All present.

Sec. 15. On motion Friday morning session minutes were read, received and adopted. On report of committee appointed, Elder W. M. Howard was sent to the stand. His text was from Samuel 4:1. Elder Gray Speight followed. His text was from Cor.. 13:1.

Sec.16. On motion all licensed ministers were called for and their license.

Sec. 17. On motion that 500 copies of these minutes be printed and distributed among our brethren and friends by the Moderator and Clerk.

Sec. 18. On motion to get out messengers to visit corresponding association, Elder Ross Williamson was sent to the Loving Association, Bro. W. M. Finch to assist him.

Section 19. On motion that the committee decide where the next association should convene, the committee reported that the next association would convene with Harper's Chapel church, three and a half miles south of Farmville, N. C., commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1918. Elder Cannon Mills was appointed to preach the introduction sermon, Elder Ross Williamson, alternate.

On motion Elder Peter Joyner was sent to Contentnea Association, Elder James Hines to the corresponding association, Elder Gray Speight to Little River Association, Elder Aaron May Radicue Association.

Section 20. On motion petitionary letters were called for. not any.

Section 21. On motion that a door be opened for sister correspondence.

Section 22. On motion conference adjourned by singing hymn 506.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

Section 23. The Association assembled and was open by song No. 364, prayer by Elder Robert Edwards.

Section 24. On motion list of delegates was called, all present.

Section 25. On motion Friday evening session minutes were read and received and adopted.

On motion donations from sister churches were called for and received. On report of committee they appointed Elder M. D.

Frazel to the stand. His text was from 2nd Timothy 2:15.

Section 26. On motion old Treasurer's report was called for, which report was satisfactory.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Section 27. The Association assembled and was opened by praise and prayer by the Moderator. On motion list of delegates was called. All present.

Section 28. On motion that Elders and licensed ministers should assist each other from church to church. On motion services open at 9:00 o'clock tomorrow. On motion conference adjourned by singing hymn No. 704.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Section 29. The Association assembled and was opened by singing hymn No. 364, prayer by Elder John Johnston, after which they proceeded to business.

Section 30. On motion list of delegates was called, all present. On motion Elders' License be returned to them.

Section 31. On motion that the messengers from said churches make their reports. Elder M. M. Howard was sent to the stand to preach. His text was from Matt. 2:2. Elder M. D. Frazel as witness bearer. Elder John Johnston closed; his text was from St. John 15th chapter, and thanks were given to the people for their nice behavior.

Section 32. On motion the articles of faith be printed on the face of the minutes.

The association was closed by singing hymn No. 704.

Churches, Pastors and Time of Holding Their Quarterly Meeting

Harpers Chapel—Elder John Johnston, Farmville, N. C.; Third Sunday in February.

Tyson Creek—Elder Ross Williamson, Greenville, N. C.; fourth Sunday in February.

Lowlevel—Elder Aaron May, Fountain, N. C.; second Sunday in January.

Mount Zion Grove—Elder Cannon Mills, Winterville, N. C.; Third Sunday in January.

Oak Grove—Elder B. J. Best, Walstonburg, N. C.; Fourth Sunday in March.

Friendship—Elder Jermon Barnes, Elm City, N. C., Third Sunday in January.

Cobb's Chapel—Elder Robert Edwards, Wilson, N. C.; Third Sunday in March.

Seven Holly—Elder Gray Speight, Wilson, N. C.; First Sun-

day in March.

Gays Chapel—Elder Jerry Williamston, Fountain, N. C.; Second Sunday in February.

Union Grove—Elder Jermon Barnes, Elm City, N. C.; Second Sunday in February.

RULES OF DECORUM

No member shall be received from a sister church without a letter of dismission.

2. If a member be given to raising confusion in the churches, whether minister or member, the church must at once take steps to exclude such member.

3. No member shall be allowed to visit ball rooms and parties or in any other way violate the rules adopted by this association and if they do they will be in the hands of the church and will be liable to be excluded.

4. Members who will not obey our rules which are simple and easy, must not be held.

5. When a member has been excluded for violating the rules of the church and comes back and makes confession before the church, it is the duty of the church to receive the member and if there be any who through malice are not willing to receive such member they shall be in the hands of the church.

6. Each church shall fast three times a year.

7. No ordained church of the same faith and order shall be nearer than seven miles.

8. Any member who calls for his name and keeps it in his pocket over three months is considered out of the church and has to return home.

9. Any member failing to attend three succeeding Quarterly meetings without sickness, shall be in the hands and discretion of the church.

10. All Elders and ministers of this association shall hereafter return their license and credentials to the association at its annual meeting that they be in possession of the asociation, if, in case it has anything against such ministers and Elders.

11. All churches of this association shall have ordained deacons if they possibly can.

12. Any church belonging to Union Association is cut off or dropped by an act of this body, or a union meeting of this association no brother or brothers shall take it up, neither any association whom we correspond with, such shall be received only by petitionary letters to the Union.

13. We expressly prohibit any member belonging to the Union Association to join any other secret organization. If any member join such society they shall not be held by any church belonging to the Union association and if any church knowingly

hold such members or member it shall be dropped by the association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, th Fathr, Son and Holy Ghost.

W believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

We believe in the doctrine of man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall.

We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feet are ordinances and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

We believe that no ministers have a right to administer the ordinance of baptism and the Lord's Supper except such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of the hand of a regularly ordained presbytery.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	DELEGATES	Rec'd by Bap.	Rec'd by Exp.	Rec'd by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Deceased	Members	Contribution
Harpers Chapel	John Johnson	Wiley Hines	0	0	0	0	0	40	$8.00
Tyson Creek	Ross Williamston	Lamm Tyson	0	0	0	0	0	27	5.40
Oaky Grove	B. J. Best	Jessie Artis	0	0	1	0	1	36	6.80
Mt. Zion Grove	Cannon Mills	Amos Bryant	0	0	0	0	0	26	5.20
Low Level	Aaron May	George Taylor	0	0	1	0	1	12	2.40
Cobb's Chapel	Robert Edwards	Oscar Wooten	0	0	0	2	1	7	1.40
Friendship	Jarmon Barnes	W. M. Finch	0	0	0	1	1	32	6.60
Seven Holly	Gray Speight	Daniel Parker	0	0	0	0	0	19	3.80
Gays Chapel	Jerry Williamston	Jessie Artis	1	0	0	0	0	8	1.60
Union Grove	Jarmon Barnes	Joohn Simms	5	0	2	0	2	16	3.20

MINUTES

OF THE

47th ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

UNION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

COBB'S CHAPEL

In Edgecombe County, North Carolina

COMMENCING ON

Friday Before the 1st Sunday in October, 4th, 5th, 6th,

1920

Proceedings

The Union Association convened with the Church at Cobb's Chapel, commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 4, 5 and 6, in the year of 1920,

Sec. 1. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. Jermon Barnes, Elder John Johnston alternate, his text was from Timothy 1, 4,

Sec. 2. On motion a list of delegates and their sister Churches was called and their names enrolled.

Sec. 3. After intermission of thirty minutes the Delegates assembled, the association was opened by hymn No. 35, Prayer by Elder Robert Edwards, after which the Association was called to order.

Sec. 4. On motion that we hear the Law, the Moderator read the Law.

Sec. 5. On motion Elder Johnston was chosen Moderator, Eld. Jermon Barnes Assistant. Bro Berry Taylor, Clerk. Bro. Benny Bynumn, Assistant, Bro W. M. Finch, Treasurer.

Sec. 6. On motion Eld. John Johnston, Eld. Jermon was chosen Committee on Arrangements, Eld. Simon. Reporter.

Sec. 7. On motion that visiting brethren and corresponding messengers from sister Associations were invited to take seats with us. The arranging committee appointed Eld. George Artis to the stand to preach his text was from 2. Cor. 3. Chapt., 1. 4., Eld James Hines followed as witness barrer.

Sec. 8. On motion Bro, Amos Bryant, Bro. J. H. Sims. Eld. Robert Edwards were appointed Finance Committee.

Sec. 9. On motion that letters from Sister Churches were called for, read received and adopted.

Sec. 10. On motion petitionary letters was called for. There were none.

Sec. 11. On motion that corresponding messengers from Sister Associations make their report, Eld. George Artis came forth and represented the Loving Association, she was received by extending the right hand of fellowship to the Messengers. Bro. J. E. Everett came forth and represented the Little River Association, she was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messengers. Eld. Paul Bunch came forth and represented the Contentnea Association, she was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messengers. Radicue Association not represented. Hickory Spring Association not represented. Pilgrim

Rest Association not represented. Ciprus Creek Association not represented. Eld. Oston Poter came forth and represented the Corresponding Association, she was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messengers.

Sec. 12. On motion a door was open for corresponding messengers to make their reports.

Eld. R. G. Alexander and Bro. Nathan Black from Indannia, came forth and represented the Barred River Association, she was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messengers.

Sec. 13. On motion conference abjourned by singing Hymn No. 708.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Sec. 14. The Association assembled and was opened by Hymn No. 382 and prayer by Eld. Jermon Barnes, after which the Mederator read the law.

Sec. 15. On motion a list of delegatea was called, all present.

Sec. 16. On motion Friday Morning Session was read, received and adopted.

Sec. 17. On motion the Arranging Committee appointed Eld. B. J. Best to the stand to preach, his text was from Hebrew 12, 26. Eld Aaron May followed, his text was from Daniel 5, 2.

Sec. 18. On motion all licensed ministers and their license were called for.

Sec. 19. On motion 1000 copies of these minutes be printed and distributed among our Brethren and Friends by the Moderator and Clerk.

Sec. 20. On motion that Sister Churches make their report.

Sec. 21. On motion old Treasurer made her report of $12.50 Their reports were all satisfactory.

Sec. 22. On motion Conference adjourned by singing Hymn No. 704.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Meeting was opened by Praise No. 353. Bro. Fate Melton preached, expressing his gift and calling. Bro. Han Haskin followed, witness bearer the same. Elders John Johnston and Robert Edwards bore them witness, closed and collected $3 85.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Sec. 23. The Association assembled and was opened by singing Hymn No. 18. prayer by Eld. Robert Edwards, after which the Associotion was called to order.

Sec. 24. On motion a list of Delegates was called, all present.

Sec. 25. On motion Friday Evening Session was read, received and adopted.

Sec. 26. On motion several committee retired and decided where the next Union Association should convene. Reports of committee was that the next Association should convene with Oaky Grove Church 5 miles East of Wilson, N. C. commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in Oct. 1921, Eld. Ross Williamston was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. Gray Speight, alternate.

Sec. 27. On motion Finance Committee made their reports, reported in the treasury $72.00.

Sec. 28. On motion Eld. Robert Edwards was appointed to write the circular letter.

Sec. 29. On motion that Eld. Gray Speight and Eld. James Hines were sent to Little River Association for 1921 to preach to the fatherless children who have no pastor and Bro. Walter Brooks. On report of the committee sent Eld. Calvin Atkinston to the stand, his text was from 1 John 3. 1. Eld. S. E Hemra followed his text from Exodus 15. 2. Eld. Paul Bunch was sent to the stand, his text was from Isaiah 61 1, 3. Eld. Ross Williamson followed as witness bearer.

Sec. 30. On motion to get out messengers to visit corresponding Association. To the Corresponding Association Eld. John Johnston and Eld. Robert Edwards with him. To the Little River Association Eld. S. E. Hemera. To the Contenea Association Eld. Adam Edwards to the Barren River Association, Elders John Johnston and Robert Edwards, and our churches have agreed to send them. To the Loving Association Eld. Gray Speight.

Sec. 31. On motion ministers license be returned to them.

Sec. 32. On motion that rules of decorum and articles of faith, Pastors and their postoffice, Delegates and their postoffices and time of holding our quarterly meetings shall be printed on the face of these minutes.

Sec. 33. On motion Conference adjourned by singing Hymn No. 704.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Sec. 34. The Association assembled and was opened by Hymn No. 533 and prayer by the Moderator. Moderator read the law after which the Association was called to order.

Sec. 35. On motion list of delegates was called, all present.

Sec. 36. On motion Saturday Morning Session was read, received and adopted.

Sec. 37. On motion expenses of the Association be paid off. On Report of Committee sent Eld. James to the stand, his text was from St. John 14: 1, 2. Elder Jermon Barnes followed, his text was from St. John 5:25. Eld. R. G. Alexander preached, text was from 2 Cor. 5:2. Eld. George Artis followed, his text was from Zacariah 13: 3. Many thanks was given for their nice behavior and for their helping in the expenses of the Association. Closed by singing Hymn No. 701.

Eld. John Johnston, Moderator.
Bro. Berry Taylor, Clerk.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

Meeting was opened by Hymn No. 364, prayer by Eld. Gearge Artis. The Moderator used for a lesson 8 chapter of Rome. Eld. Gray Speights was sent to the stand, his text was from Luke 11 chapter. Eld Adam Edwards, his text was from Rev. Eld. R. G. Alexander followed as witness bearer, Eld. Robert Edwards the same and closed receiving for collection $7.09. Adjourned by singing Hymn No. 298.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Bro. Non Haskins, Bro. Fate Melton: Bro. Walter Brooks and Bro. Titus Ellis.

CONTRIBUTION OF EACH CHURCH:

Harpers Chapel; Bro. Amos Williams, Snow Hill, N. C.	$8.00
Tyson Creek; Bro. Lamm Tyson	6.50
Oaky Grove; Bro. J. H. Simms, Wilson, N. C.	5.40
Mt. Zion Grove: Bro. Amos Bryant, Wintersville,	6.50
Lowlevel; Bro. Mose Morual, Fountain, N. C.	1.25
Cobb's Chapel: Bro. Oscar Wooten, Fountain, N.C.	2.20
Friendship, Bro. W. M. Finch, Lucama, N. C.	6.60
Seven Holly, Bro. Daniel Parker, Farmville, N. C.	6.50
Gays' Chapel, Bro. Oscar Wooten, Fountain, N.C.	1.20
Union Grove, Bro. J. H. Simms, Wilson, N. C.	6.60
Healthy Plain, Bro. J. H. Simms, Wilson, N. C.	2.00

CIRCULAR LEITER

Dear Brethren—we are more than glad that we The Union Primitive Baptist are blessed and spared through the mercies of our Lord to meet in another Association which is our 47th Annual Session, and have brethren from distant lands to come, yet desiring their friendly correspondents to continue, and we were glad to hear the rich words of the Lord and good news and glad tidings preached unto us. Pray for us that we may reap the same faith which was first delivered unto the Saints.

This done by order of the conference.

Elder Robert Edwards. Writer.
Elder John Johnston, Moderator.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, POSTOFFICES, AND TIME OF HOLDING THEIR QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Harper's Chapel, Elder John Johnston, Farmville, N. C. Third Sunday in February.

Tyson Creek, Elder Ross Williamson, Farmville N, C. Fourth Sunday in February.

Lowlevel, Elder Aaron May. Fountain, N. C. Second Sunday in January.

Mouut Zion Grove, Elder Cannon Mills, Winterville, N. C. Third Sunday in January.

Oaky Grove, Elder B. J. Best, Walstonburg. N. C. Fourth Sunday in March.

Friendship, Elder Jermon Barnes. Elm City, N. C. Third Sunday in January.

Cobb's Chapel, Elder Robert Edwards, Fouutain, N. C. Third Sunday in March.

Seven Holly, Elder Gray Speights, Wilson, N. C. First Sunday in March.

Gays' Chapel, Elder Jerry Williamson, Fountain, N. C. Second Sunday in February.

Union Grove, Elder Jermon Barnes, Elm City, N. C. Second Sunday in February.

Healthy Plain, Elder Simmon Hemera, Arthur, N. C. Third Sunday in December.

Elder J. H. Johnston, Moderator.
B. Taylor, Clerk.
Bro. Benny Bynum, Asst.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. No member shall be received from a sister church without a letter of dismission.

2. It a member be given to raising confusion in the churches whether minister or member, the church must at once take steps to exclude such member.

3. No member shall be allowed to visit ball rooms or parties or in any other way violate the rules adopted by this Association, and if they do they will be in the hands of the church, and will be liable to be excluded.

4. Members who will not obey our rules which are simple and easy must not be held.

5. When a member has been excluded for violating the rules of the church and comes back and makes confession before the church it is the duty of the church to receive the member and if there be any through malice are not willing to receive such member, they shall be in the hands of the church.

6. Each church shall fast three times every year.

7. No ordained church of the same faith and order shall be nearer than seven miles.

8. Any member who calls for his name and keeps it in his pocket over three months is considered out of the church.

9. Any member failing to attend three succeeding quarterly meeting without sickness shall be in the hands and discretion of the church.

10. All Elders and Ministers of this Association shall hereafter return their license and credentials to the Association at its annual meetings that they be in possession of the Association if in case it has anything against such minister and elder.

11. All churches of this Association shall have ordained deacons if they possibly can.

12. Any church belonging to the Union Association if cut off or dropped by an act of this body or a union meeting of this Association, no brother or brothers shall take it up. Neither any Association whom we correspond with. Such shall be received only by petitionary letters to the union.

14. We expressly prohibit any member belonging to the Union Association to join any other secret organization. If any member join such society they shall not be held by any church belonging to the Union Association and if any church knowingly hold such member or members it shall be dropped by the Association.

Eld. John Johnston, Moderator.
Bro. Berry Taylor, Clerk.
Bro. Bennie Bynum, Asst.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

We believe in one true and living God and that there are three persons in the godhead, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

We believe in the doctrine of man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall.

We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feet are ordinances and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinance of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, except such as are regularly ordained presbytery.

Elder J. H. Johnston, Moderator.
Elder Jermon Farnes. Asst. Mod.
Bro. Berry Taylor, Clerk.
Bro. Benny Bynum, Asst. Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	DELEGATES	Rec'd by Bap.	Rec'd by Exp.	Rec'd by Let.	Excluded	Restored	Deceased	Members	Contribution
Harper's Chapel	John Johnston	Amos Williams	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	$8.00
Tyson Creek	Ross Williamston	Lamm Tyson	1	0	0	0	0	0	35	6.00
Oaky Grove	B. J. Best	J. H. Simms	0	0	0	0	1	4	27	5.40
Mt. Zion Grove	Cannon Mills	Amos Bryant	1	0	0	0	0	0	28	5.50
Lowlevel	Aaron May	Mose Norval	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	1.25
Cobb's Chapel	Robert Edwards	Oscar Wooten	0	0	1	0	0	0	11	2.20
Friendship	Jermon Barnes	W. M. Finch	1	0	0	2	2	1	33	6.60
Seven Holly	Gray Speight	Daniel Parker	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	6.50
Gay's Chapel	Jerry Williamston	Oscor Wooten	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1.20
Union Grove	Jermon Barnes	J. H. Simms	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	6.60
Healthy Plain	Simmon Hemera	J. H. Simms	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2.00

Total $50.25

C286.06

MINUTES

OF THE

48th ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

UNION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

OAKY GROVE

In Wilson County, North Carolina.

COMMENCING ON

Friday Before the First Sunday in October, 4th, 5th, 6th,

1921

PROCEEDINGS

The Union Association convened with the church at Oaky Grove on Friday before the 1st Sunday in October, 4, 5 and 6, 1921.

Sec. 1. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Gray Speight, Elder Simon Hemby, Alternate.

Sec. 2. On motion that a list of delegates and their sister churches was called and their names enrolled.

Sec. 3. After intermission of thirty minutes. the delegates assembled. The Association was opened by singing a hymn. Prayer by Elder ____ _____, after which the Association was called to order.

Sec. 4. On motion that we hear the Moderator read the law.

Sec. 5. On motion Elder John Johnston was chosen Moderator, Elder Jermon Assistant Moderator, Bro. Berry Taylor Clerk, Bro. Benny Bynum Assistant, Bro. W. M. Finch Treas.

Sec. 6. On motion Elders John Johnston, Jermon Barnes, Robert Edwards was chosen Committee on Arrangements, Elder Simon Hemby Reporter.

Sec. 7. On motion Bros. Amos Bryant, J. H. Simms, Mingal Hopkins was chosen Committee on Finance.

Sec. 8. On motion that visiting Bros. from corresponding Association be invited to take seats with us and have a part in the Conference.

Sec. 9. The Arranging Committee appointed Bro. Fate Melton to the stand to open services. Elder Jerry Williamston was sent to the stand. His text was from Isaiah 61. Elder Cannon Mills followed. His text was from St. John 14-12.

Sec. 10. On motion that letters from churches be called for and read and their delegates names enrolled.

Sec. 11. On motion that letters from sister churches were called, read, received and adopted.

Sec. 12. On motion petitionary letters was called for. There were none.

Sec. 13. On motion that corresponding messengers make their reports. Elder Bryant Merry and Bro. J. H. Dillihunt came forth and represented the Loving Association. She was received by extending the right hand of fellowship to the messengers. Elder Samuel Harriss came forth and represented the Little River Association. She was received by the Moderator

extending the right hand of fellowship to the messengers. Bro. Stephen Woodard came forth and represented the Contentnea Association. It was was received by extending the right hand of fellowship to the messengers. Elder J. H. Barnes came forth and represented the Radicue Association. It was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the messengers. The Barren River Association sent its love by letter to the Union Association. It was moved and carried that the Barren River Associations letter be received.

On motion that Conference adjourn by singing hymn No. 704.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Sec. 14. The delegates assembled, Conference was opened by singing hymn No. 329, prayer by Elder Simon Hemby, after which the Moderator read the law.

Sec. 15. On motion that list of delegates be called. All present.

Sec. 16. On motion Friday evening session was read, received and adopted with necessary corrections.

Sec. 17. On motion that the Arrangement Committee appointed O. S. Potter to the stand. His text was from Roam, 7th chapter. Elder Cannon Mills followed. His text was from Job, 37th chapter. J. H. Dillitt followed. His text was from Jonah 1-1.

Sec. 18. On motion that all licensed ministers and their license were called for.

Sec. 19. On motion that 1000 copies of these minutes be printed and distributed out by the Moderator and Clerk.

Sec. 20. On motion Finance Committee make their report.

Sec. 21. On motion that old Treasurers make their reports. Reports were satisfactory.

Sec. 22. On motion that Conference adjourn by singing hymn No. 707.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Sec. 23. The Association assembled and was opened by singing hymn No. 235. Prayer by Elder Jermon Barnes. After which the Association was called to order.

Sec. 24. On motion that list of delegates be called. All present.

Sec. 25. On motion that Saturday morning session be read, received and adopted.

Sec. 26. On motion that a group of committees go out and

decide where the next Association should convene. On report of these committees they appointed the next association to convene with the Healthy Plain Church in Wilson County, 3 miles East of Saratoga, N. C., the nearest station is Appie on the N. & S. R. R., commencing on Friday before the 1st Sunday in October, 4 5 and 6, 1922. Elder Cannon Mills was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder James Hines, Alternate.

Sec. 27. On motion Finance Committee make their report. They reported in Treasure $49.10.

Sec. 28. On motion Elder James Hines go to the Little River Association and preach to the fatherless children.

Sec. 29. On motion Elder Hemby write circular letter.

Sec. 30. On motion to get out messengers to visit corresponding Associations. To the Radicue Association, Eld. Robert Edwards. To the Corresponding Association, Elder John Johnston. To the Little River Association, Elder Simon Hemby and James Hines. To the Loveing Association, Elder Ross William ston. To the Contentnea Association, Elders Gray Speight and John Johnston.

Sec. 31. On motion that all male members in every annual session is to pay $1,00.

Sec. 32. On motion that ministers license be returned to them.

Sec. 33. On motion that the rules of decorum and the articles of faith, pastors and delegates postoffice and the time of holding our quarterly meetings shall be printed on the face of these minutes.

On motion Conference adjourn by singing hymn No. 707.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Sec. 34. The delegates assembled and Conference was opened by singing hymn No. 529. Prayer by Elder Robert Edwards, after which the Association was called to order.

Sec. 36. On motion list of delegates was called. All pres.

Sec. 37. On motion Saturday morning session was read, received and adopted with necessary corrections.

Sec. 37. The Arrangement Committee appointed Elder Bryant Merry to the stand. His text was from Isaiah 40–1. Elder John Dillihunt followed. His text was 3rd John. Elder Samuel Harriss followed. His text was from James 1·67.

Sec. 38. On motion that the expenses of the Association be paid off.

Sec. 39. On motion that the Association borrow $8.00

from the Union Treasure.

Sec. 40. On motion Conference adjourn by singing hymn No. 506. The Association closed and many thanks were given for the congregations nice behaviour. Also thanks to the Lord for sparing as many to see this Association.

Elder John Johnston, Moderator
Elder Jermon Barnes, Asst. Mod.
Bro, Berry Taylor, Clerk
Bro. Benny Bynum, Asst. Clerk

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

Service was opened by singing hymn No. 76- Prayer by Elder Robert Edwards. Elder James Hines was sent to the stand. His text was from St John 15:1. Elder Bryant Merral followed. His text was from Timothy 9. Elder Samuel Harriss bore them witness and closed. Received a collection $1.15.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Bros. Non Haskin, Fate Melton, Walter Brooks, Titus Ellis

CONTRIBUTION OF EACH CHURCH AND DELEGATES AND THEIR POSTOFFICE

Harpers Chapel, Bro. Amos Mitchell, Snow Hill	$8.00
Tyson Creek, Bro. Lamm Tyson, Greenville	6.50
Oaky Grove, Bro. Jessie Artis, Wilson	5.20
Mt Zion Grove, Bro. Amos Bryant, Winterville	5.80
Low Level, Bro. Mose Norvel, Fountain	2.20
Cobbs Chapel, Bro. Oscar Wooten, Fountain	2,20
Friendship, Bro. W. M. Finch, Lucama	6.20
Seven Holly, Bro. George Taylor, Fountain	6.00
Gays Chapel, Bro. Oscar Wooten, Fountain	1.00
Union Grove, Bro. J. H. Simms, Wilson	4.60
Healthy Plain, Bro. J. H. Simms, Wilson	1.20
Total	$48.90

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren:

This being our 48th Annual Session of the Union Primitive Baptist Association, we are thankful to our Heavenly Father that we, through his love and mercy, are permitted to meet and to worship Him that is born King of the Jews, and to speak

and to hear of His rich and free grace. We are thankful to Him that he yet enables us to feel his love running from heart to heart and from breast to breast. Thankful to Him that He still constrains His Messengers to come from the North, South, East and West to praise Him with singleness of heart. Pray for us Dear Brethren, that we may finally meet where congregations never breaks and Sabbath never ends. Your servants in the Lord I trust.

Done by the order of Conference.

Elder Simon E. Hemby, Writer
Elder John Johnston, Moderator

CHURCHES, PASTORS, POSTOFFICE AND TIME OF HOLDING QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Harpers Chapel, Elder John Johnston, Farmville, 3rd Sunday in February.

Tyson Creek, Elder Ross Williamston, Farmville, 4th Sunday in February.

Low Level, Elder Aaron May, Fountain, 2nd Sunday in January

Mt. Zion Grove, Elder Cannon Mills, Winterville, 3rd Sunday in January.

Oaky Grove, Elder B. J. Best, Walstonburg, 4th Sunday in January.

Friendship, Elder Jerman Barnes, Elm City, 3rd Sunday in January.

Cobbs Chapel, Elder Robert Edwards, Fountain, 1st Sunday in February.

Seven Holly, Elder Gray Speights, Wilson, 1st Sunday in March

Gays Chapel, Elder Jerry Williamston, Fountain, 2nd Sunday in February.

Union Grove, Elder Jermon Barnes, Elm City, 2nd Sunday in February

Healthy Plain, Elder Simon Hemby, Arthur, 3rd Sunday in January.

Elder J. H. Johnston, Moderator
Berry Taylor, Clerk

RULES OF DECORUM

1. No member shall be received from a sister church without a letter of dismission.

2. If a member be given to raising confusion in the church whether minister or member, the church must at once take steps to exclude such member.

3. No member shall be allowed to visit ball rooms or par-

ties or in other ways violate the rules adopted by this Association, and if they do they will be in the hands of the church, and will be liable to be excluded.

4. Members who will not obey our rules, which are simple and easy, must not be held.

5. When a member has been excluded for violating the rules of the church and comes back and makes confession before the church, it is the duty of the church to receive the member and if there be any through malice are not willing to receive such member, they shall be in the hands of the church.

6. Each church shall fast three times each year.

7. No ordained church of the same faith and order shall be nearer than seven miles.

8. Any member who calls for his name and keeps it in his pocket over three months is considered out of the church.

9. Any member failing to attend three succeeding quarterly meetings without sickness, shall be in the hands and discretion of the church.

10. All Elders and Ministers of this Association shall here after return their license and credentials to the Association and its annual meetings that they be in possion of the Association in case it has anything against such ministers and Elder.

11. All churches of this Association shall have ordained deacons if they possibly can.

12. Any church belonging to the Union Association if cut off or dropped by an act of this body or a Union meeting, no brother or brothers shall take it up, neither any Association whom we correspond with. Such shall be received only by petitionary letters to the Union.

13. We especially prohibit any member belonging to the Union Association to join any other secret organization. If any member join such society they shall be held by any church belonging to the Union Association. If any church knowingly hold such member or members, it shall be dropped by the Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

We believe in one true and living God and there are three persons in the godhead, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the word of and the only rule of faith and practice.

We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

We believe in the doctrine of mans impotency to recover

himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

We believe that Gods elect shall be called converted and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

We believe that the Saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall.

We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing the Saints feet are ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinance of Baptism and the Lord's Supper except such are regularly ordained presbytery.

Elder John Johnston, Moderator
Elder Jermon Barnes, Asst. Mod.
Bro. Berry Taylor, Clerk
Bro. Benny Bynum, Asst. Clerk

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	DELEGATES	Rec'd by Bap.	Rec'd by Exp.	Rec'd by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Deceased	Members	Contribution
Harpers Chapel	John Johnston	Amos Williams	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	$8.00
Tyson Creek	Ross Williamston	Lamm Tyson	1	0	0	0	0	1	35	6.50
Oaky Greve	B. J. Best	Jessie Artis	0	0	0	1	0	0	26	5.20
Mt. Zion Grove	Cannon Mills	Amos Bryant	0	0	0	0	2	0	31	5.80
Low Level	Aaron May	Mose Norvel	2	0	0	0	0	1	11	2.20
Cobbs Chapel	Robert Edwards	Oscar Wooten	0	0	0	1	2	1	11	2.20
Friendship	Jermon Barnes	W. M. Finch	3	0	0	0	0	1	33	6.20
Seven Holly	Gray Speight	Geo. Taylor	3	0	0	2	0	1	30	6.00
Gays Chapel	Jerry Williamston	Oscar Wooten	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1.00
Union Grove	Jermon Barnes	J. H Simms'	2	0	0	0	1	0	34	4.60
Healthy Plain	Simon Hemby	J. H. Simms	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	1.20

TOTAL . . $48.90

MINUTES

OF THE

49th. Annual Session

OF THE

UNION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

HEALTHY PLAINS

PITT COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Commencing on Friday before 1st. Sunday in October, 4, 5, 6, 1922

BARRETT'S PRINT, WILSON, N. C.

MINUTES

1911 Annual Session

OF THE

MEDICAL SOCIETY

OF THE

STATE OF NEW YORK

PROCEEDINGS

The Union Association convened with the Church at Healthy Plain commencing on Friday before the 1st, Sunday in October, 4, 5 and 6 in the year 1922. Service was opened by singing hymn No. 38. Prayer by Elder Cannon Mills.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Cannon Mills. His text was from St. John, 15, 1, 2. Elder James Hines Alternate, sang hymn No. 200. His text was from St. John 14th chapter, 1-4 verses.

On motion list of delegates was called and their sister churches and names enrolled.

After intermission of thirty minutes, the delegates assembled. The Association was opened by singing hymn No. 5.

On motion we heard the law. The Moderator read the law.

On motion Elder John Johnston was chosen Moderator, Elder Jermon Barnes Assistant Moderator; Bro. David Bynum, Clerk; Bro. Benny Bynum, Assistant Clerk; Bro. W. M. Finch, Treasurer; Bro. Amos Bryant, Reporter.

On motion visiting Brethren and Corresponding Messengers were invited to take seats with us and take a part in Conference and feel themselves at home. The Arrangement Committee appointed Elder Adam Edwards to the stand to preach. His text was St. Matthew, 10th chapter, 25th verse. Bro. Joseph Jones followed. His text was from Psalms, 3-8.

On motion Bros Amos Bryant, John Simms and Jesse Artis were appointed Finance Committee.

On motion Corresponding Messengers from Sister Associations made their reports. Bro. Joseph Jones came forth and represented the Radicue Association. She was received by the Moderator extending right hand of fellowship to the Messengers. Bro. C. M. Stewart came forth and represented the Loving Association. She was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Messengers. Bro. Ellis Vick came forth and represented the Contentnea Association. It was received by the Moderator by extending the right hand of fellowship to the Messengers. Elder Oston Poter came forth and represented the Corresponding Association. It was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Messengers. The Barren River was represented by letter. On motion agreed it be received. Elder Calvin Atkinson came forth and represented the Little River Association. It was received by the Moderator extending right hand of fellowship to

the Messengers.

On motion that letters from sister churches be called for, read, received and adopted.

On motion petitionary letters were called for. Not any.

On motion Conference adjourned by singing hymn 704.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association assembled and was opened by singing hymn No, 35. Prayer by Elder Jermon Barnes, after which the Moderator read the law.

On motion list of delegates was called. All present.

On motion Friday evening session was read, received and adopted.

On motion the Arrangement Committee appointed Elder Ross Williamston to the stand to preach. His text was from Isiah, 49th chapter, 1st., 2nd. and 3rd. verses. Eld. B. J. Best followed. His text was from Rev., 12th chapter, 20th. verse.

On motion all licensed ministers and their license were called for.

On motion 1000 of these Minutes be printed and distributed among our brethren and friends by the Moderator and Clerk.

On motion that sister churches make their report.

On motion old Treasurers make their reports. Reports were satisfactory.

On motion Finance Committees made their reports. Reported in Treasury $135.50. The Arrangement Committee sent Elder Jerry Williamston to the stand to preach. His text was from Cor. 3:1. Bro. C. M. Stewart followed. His text was from St. John 10-14.

On motion Conference adjourn by singing hymn No. 621.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The delegates assembled and service was opened by singing hymn No. 364. Prayer by Elder Robert Edwards, after which the Association was called to order.

On motion a list of delegates was called. All present.

On motion Saturday morning session was read, received and adopted.

On motion several Committees retired and decided where the next Union Association should convene. Report of committees was that the next Association should convene with Friendship Church, 2 miles North of Lucama, N. C., commencing on Friday before the 1st. Sunday in October, 1923. The Committee appointed Elder Simon Hemby to preach the Introductory

sermon, Elder Ross Williamstan, Alternate.

On motion Elder Robert Edwards was appointed to write circular letter. The Arrangement committee appointed Bro. Fate Melton to the stand. His text was from Roam. 6:1. Eld. Cannon Mills followed. His text was from Isaiah 15;1-2.

On motion to select messengers to visit Corresponding Associations. To the Loving Association Elder S. E. Hemby. Elder Robert Edwards preached. His text was from Isaiah 63:1-2. Elder Jimmie Hines followed. His text was from St. John 3:1. Elder Hemby followed. His text was from Psalms 37.

On motion ministers license be returned to them.

On motion that Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith, pastors, delegates and their Post Offices and the time of holding their quarterly meeting shall be printed on the face of these minutes.

On motion that Conference adjourn by singing hymn 506.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The delegates assembled and service was opened by singing hymn No. 35. Prayer by Elder Simon Hemby, after which the Moderator read the law, and Conference was called to order.

On motion list of delegates was called. All present.

On motion Saturday evening session was read, received and adopted.

On motion that the expense of this Association be paid off.

On report of committee sent Elder Calvin Atkinson to the stand. His text was from St. John 1:1. Elder Jerry Williamston followed. His text was from 2nd. Cor. Elder Jermon Barnes followed witness bearer, Moderator closed. Many thanks were given for such nice behavior and for helping the expenses of the Association.

Adjourned by singing hymn No 255.

Elder J. H. Johnston, Moderator
Bro. David Bynum, Clerk

LICENSED MINISTERS

Bros. Nan Haskins, Fate Melton, Walter Brooks and Titus Ellis.

CONTRIBUTION OF EACH CHURCH

Harpers Chapel, Bro. Amos Williams, Snow Hill,...$21.50
Tyson Creek, Bro. Cannon Tyson, Greenville, ... 20.50
Oaky Grove, Bro. J. H. Simms, Wilson, ... 7.00

Mt. Zion Grove, Bro. Amos Bryant, Winterville	$10.00
Low Level, Bro. Mose Norvel, Fountain	6.50
Cobbs Chapel, Bro. Oscar Wooten, Fountain	7.00
Friendship, Bro. W. M. Finch, Lucama	20.50
Seven Holly, Bro. Geo. Taylor, Fountain	10.00
Gays Chapel, Bro. Oscar Wooten, Fountain	2.50
Union Grove, Bro. J. H. Simms, Wilson	22.00
Healthy Plain, Bro. J. H. Simms, Wilson,	5.00
Fountain Hill, Bro. Henry Wooten, Fountain	3.50
Total	$135.50

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren; This being our 49th Annual Session of the Union Primitive Baptist Association, we are glad and thankful to our Heavenly Father that He, through His tender mercies and love toward us, has blessed us to meet in another Association, compassion to speak and to hear of his love and free grace. We are glad to have our brethren from Corresponding Associations to come to see us, desiring friendly correspondence to continue. Dear Brethren, pray for us that we may continue to press on to the mark of the high calling, which is in Christ Jesus. This done by order of the Conference.

Elder Robert Edwards, Writer
Elder John Johnston, Moderator

CHURCHES, PASTORS, POSTOFFICE AND TIME OF HOLDING THEIR QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Harpers Chapel, Elder John Johnston, Farmville, 3rd Sunday in February.

Tyson Creek, Elder Ross Williamston, Farmville, 4th Sunday in February.

Low Level, Elder Robert Edwards, Wilson, 2nd, Sunday in January.

Mount Zion Grove, Elder Cannon Mills, Winterville, 3rd. Sunday in January.

Oaky Grove, Elder B. J. Best, Walstonburg, 4th. Sunday in March.

Friendship, Elder Jermon Barnes, Elm City, 3rd. Sunday in January.

Cobbs Chapel, Elder Robert Edwards, Wilson, 3rd. Sunday in March,

Seven Holly, Elder Gray Speights, Wilson, 1st. Sunday in March.

Gays Chapel, Elder Jerry Williamston, Fountain, 1st. Sunday in February.

Union Grove, Elder Jermon Barnes, Elm City, 2nd. Sunday in February,

Healthy Plain, Elder Simon Hemby, Arthur, 3rd. Sunday in December.

RULES OF DECORUM

No member shall be received from a sister church without a letter of dismission.

If a member be given to raising confusion in the churches, whether minister or member, the church must at once take steps to exclude such member.

No member shall be allowed to visit ball rooms or parties, or in any other way violate the rules adopted by this Association. If they do they will be in the hands of the church and will be liable to be excluded.

Members who will not obey our rules, which are simple and easy, must not be held.

When a member has been excluded for violating the church rules and comes back and makes confession before the church, it is the duty of the church to receive the member. And if there be any through malice who are not willing to receive such member, they shall be in the hands of the church.

Each church shall fast three times a year.

No ordained church of the same faith and order shall be nearer than seven miles.

Any member who calls for his name and keeps it in his pocket over three months is considered out of the church.

Any member failing to attend three succeeding quarterly meetings without sickness shall be in the hands and discretion of the church.

All Elders and Ministers of this Association shall hereafter return their license and credentials to the Association at its annual meetings, that they be in the hands of the Association if in case it has anything against such Minister or Elder.

All churches of this Association shall have ordained deacons if they possibly can.

Any church belonging to the Union Association, it cut off or dropped by an act of this body, or a Union Meeting of this Association, no brother or brothers shall take it up. Neither any Association whom we correspond with. Such shall be re-

ceived only by petitionary letters to the Union.

We expressly prohibit any member belonging to the Union Association to join any other secret organization. If any member join such society, they shall not be held by any church belonging to the Union Association, and church knowingly hold such member or members it shall be dropped by the Asso.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

We believe in one true and living God and there are three persons in the God head, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the words of God and the rule of faith and practice.

We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

We believe in the doctrine of orlglnal sin.

We believe in the doctrine of mans impotency to recover himself from the fallen state by nature of his on free will and ability.

We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only the imputed righteousness of Christ.

We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall.

We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and Washing the Saints feet are Ordinances and that the true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinance of Baptism and the Lord's Supper except such as are regularly presbytery.

Elder John Johnston, Moderator
Elder Jermon Barnes. Asst. Mod.
Bro, David Bynum, Clerk
Bro. Benny Bynum, Asst. Clerk

STATISTICAL TABLE

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	DELEGATES	Received by Baptism	Rec. by Experience	Rec. by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Deceased	Membership	Contribution
Harpers Chapel	John Johnston	Amos Williams	0	0	0	0	0	5	35	$21.00
Tyson Creek	Ross Williamston	Lamm Tyson	1	0	0	0	0	0	35	20.50
Oaky Grove	B. J. Best	J. H. Simms	1	0	0	0	0	1	23	7.00
Mt. Zion Grove	Cannon Mills	Amos Bryant	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	10.00
Low Level	Robert Edwards	Mose Norval	0	0	0	1	1	1	10	6.50
Cobbs Chapel	Robert Edwards	Oscar Wooten	1	0	0	1	0	0	12	7.00
Friendship	Jermon Barnes	W. M. Finch	0	0	0	0	1	1	34	20.50
Seven Holly	Gray Speights	Geo. Taylor	2	0	0	2	0	0	25	10.00
Gays Chapel	Jerry Williamston	Oscar Wooten	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2.50
Union Grove	Jermon Barnes	J. H. Simms	4	0	0	1	1	0	38	22.00
Healthy Plain	Simon Hemby	J. H. Simms	3	0	0	0	0	0	8	5.00
Fountain Hill	Adam Edwards	Henry Wooten	0	0	0	1	0	0	7	3.50
								Total		$135.50

MINUTES

OF THE

50th Annual Session

OF THE

Union Primitive Baptist ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

FRIENDSHIP

WILSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Commencing on Friday before the First Sunday in October 4, 5, 6, 1923

BARRETT'S PRINT, WILSON, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

The Union Association convened with the church at Friendship, commencing on Friday before the 1st. Sunday in October, 4, 5 and 6, in the year of 1923.

Service was opened with praise and prayer, The Introduction was preached by Elder Simon Hemby. Sang hymn No. 5. His text was from Isaiah 61:12. Elder Ross Williamson, Alternate. His text was from Isaiah 58:12. After intermission of thirty minutes, the delegates assembled and sang hymn No. 200. After which the law was read, 18th. chapter of matthew. Service was opened by singing hymn No. 18. Prayer by Bro. John Perry.

On motion Elder John Johnston was chosen Moderator, Elder Jermon Barnes assistant Moderator; Bro. Berry Taylor, Clerk, Bro. David Bynum, assistant Clerk.

On motion visiting brethen and Corresponding Messengers were invited to take seats with us and form a part in Conference and feel themselves at home.

On motion list of Delegates be called and their names be enrolled.

On motion Elders John Johnston, James Hines and Ross Williamson were appoinied Arrangement Committee. Bro. Billy Williams, Reporter.

On motion Bros. J. H. Simms, Amos Williams and Isaac Williams were appointed Finance Committee. The Arrangement Committee appointed Elder Adam Edwards to the stand. His text was from St. John 15:12. Elder J. H. Dillihunt followed. His text was from Samuel 52. Hymn No. 433. Bro. Fate Melton followed. His text was from St. Luke 52:9.

On motion that Corresponding Messengers make their report. Bros. Eddie Williams and Joe Everette came forth and represented the Little River Association. It was received by the Moderator extending right hand of fellowship to the Messengers. Bros. Ellis Vick and Calvin Bynum came forth and represented the Contentnea Association. It was received by the Moderator extending right hand of fellowship to the Messengers. Elder Robert Taylor came forth and represented the Radicue Association. It was received by the Moderator ex-

tending the right hand of fellowship to the Messengers. Elder J. H. Dillihunt came forth and represented the Loving Association. It was received by the Moderator extending right hand of fellowship to the Messengers. On motion the Barren River Association letter be received.

On motion petitionary letters were called for.

On motion that petition of the Loving Association, the Little River Association, the Contentnea Association be extended.

On motion that letters from sister churches be called for and read.

On motion report of Messengers and Delegates be received.

On motion that all licensed ministers shall present their license.

On motion that all ministers that have'nt their license in this Association shall present their license to the Union.

On motion 1000 copies of these minutes be printed and distributed among our brethren and friends by the Moderator and Clerk.

On motion that old Treasurer make her report.

On motion that old Treasurer report was satisfactory $10.85

On motion that Finance Committee make their report. Reported in Treasury $150.50.

On motion Conference adjourn by singing hymn No. 506.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The delegates assembled and Conference was opened by singing hymn No. 530. Prayer by Elder James Hines. The law was read 42nd. Psalms.

On motion list of delegates be called. All present.

On motion that Friday afternoon session be read, received and adopted.

On motion Arrangement Committee make their report. The Arrangement Committee appointed Bro. Jonas Woodard to preach. His text was from St. Luke 16. Eld. Robert Taylor followed. His text was from St. John 15:1. Bro. Jonah Bunch was sent to the stand to preach. His text was from John 3:1 2.

On motion that Corresponding Messengers make their report. Elder Porter came forth and represented the Corresponding Association. It was received by the Moderator extending right hand of fellowship to the Messengers.

On motion that several delegates retire and decide where

the next Association should convene. Report of the delegates that the next Association should convene with the church at Low Level, commencing on Friday before the 1st. Sunday in Oct. 1924, 4-5-6, 1 mile North of Fountain, N. C. in Edgecombe County. Elder Robert Edwards was appointed to preach the Introductory sermon, Elder Jermon Barnes Alternate.

On motion that there be Messengers chosen to visit Corresponding Associations. To Little River Association, Elders John Johnson and Simon Hemby. To the Corresponding Association, Elders Jermon Barnes and Ross Williams.

On motion Elders John Johnson and Bobert Edwards go to the Contentnea Association.

On motion that Elders Robert Edwards and Simon Hemby go to the Loving Association.

On motion that Elders Ross Williams and Jonas Woodard go to the Radicue Association in 1924.

On motion that ministers license be returned to them.

On motion that the Decorum be printed separate as before.

On motion that the Moderator and Clerk write the circular letter.

On motion that the Rule of Decorum, Articles of Faith, names of Ministers and their post office address and time of quarterly meetings be printed on the face of these minutes.

On motion that any church shall have power to elect or reelect their pastor once a year.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The delegates assembled and Conference was opened by singing hymn No. 268. Prayer by Elder John Johnson.

On motion a list of delegates be called. All present.

On motion that Saturday morning session be read, received and adopted.

On motion that the Finance Committee make their report. Report was satisfactory.

On motion that Arrangement Committee make their report. They sent Elder Thomas Bunch to the stand. His text was from Deut. 32:1-2. Elder Lewis Coney followed by singing hymn No. 364. His text was from Zachariah 37:1. Elder Paul Bunch was sent to the stand. His text was 2nd. John 1:31.

On motion to pay off expenses of the Association.

On motion Conference adjourn by singing hymn No. 689.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The delegates assembled, a lesson was read from the 37th. Psalms. Sang a hymn. Prayer by Bro. Joe Everett.

On motion a list of delegates be called. All present.

On motion that a list of Corresponding Messengers be called. All present.

On motion that Saturday afternoon session be read, approved and adopted.

On motion that the Arrangement Committee make their report. Elder Auston Porter was sent to the stand. His text was from St. John, 15th chapter. Elder James Hines preached. His text was from St. John 3rd chapter, 1, 2, 3, 4 verses. Elder Jermon Barnes bore witness. Elder Robert Edwards followed with his text. Elder Simon Hemby followed. His text was from Roman, 20th chapter, 1-2 verses. Elder John Johnson closed. His text was from Ecleastics, 1st. chapter. Sang hymn No. 674,

Elder John Johnson, Moderator
Bro. Berry Taylor, Clerk

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

The meeting was opened by singing hymn No. 73. Prayer by Bro. Joseph Everett. Elder Ed. Williams was sent to the stand.—His text was from Revelation. Words—"Who shall be able to stand in that great day of wrath to come." Elder Lewis Coney followed as witness bearer. Elder Simon Hemby followed as witness bearer. Elder Robert Taylor bore witness with the four leading Elders. Meeting was closed by singing hymn No. 141. Collection $3.65.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Bros. Jno. Haskins, Fate Melton, Walter Brooks, Titus Ellis.

CONTRIBUTION OF EACH CHURCH, DELEGATES AND THEIR POST OFFICE

Harpers Chapel, Bro. Amos Williams, Farmville_____$20.50
Tyson Creek, Bro. Tom Tyson, Greenville_____ 20.00

Oaky Grove, Bro. John Simms	13.00
Mt. Zion Grove, Bro. Amos Bryant, Winterville	13.00
Low Level, Bro. Moses Novel, Fountain	6.00
Cobbs Chapel, Bro. Oscar Wooten, Fountain	7.50
Friendship, Bros. W. M. Finch and Benjamin Bynum	20.00
Seven Holly, Bro. George Taylor, Fountain	18.00
Union Grove, Bros. John Sims, Isaac Williams, Wilson	22.50
Healthy Plain, Bro. J. H. Simms, Wilson	5.00
Fountain Hill, Bro. Henry Wooten, Fountain	4.50
Gays Chapel	

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren: This being our 50th Annual Session of the Union Primitive Baptist Association, we are glad and thankful to our Heavenly Father that He, through His tender mercy and love towards us, has blessed us to meet another Association, compassion to speak and to hear of his love and free grace. We are glad to have our brethren from Corresponding Association to come to see us, desiring friendly correspondence to continue. Dear Brethren, pray for us, that we may continue to press on to the mark of the most high calling, which is in Christ Jesus, the Lord.

This done by order of Conference.

Bro. David Bynum, Writer
Elder John Johnson, Moderator

CHURCHES, PASTORS, POST OFFICES AND TIME OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Harpers Chapel, Elder John Johnson, Farmville, 3rd. Sunday in February.

Tyson Creek, Elder Ross Williamson, Farmville, 4th. Sunday in February.

Low Level, Elder Robert Edwards, Wilson, 2nd Sunday in January.

Mt. Zion Grove, Elder James Hines, Jacksonville, 3rd Sunday in January.

Oaky Grove, Elder Jerman Barnes, Wilson, 4th Sunday in December.

Friendship, Elder Jerman Barnes, Wilson, 3rd Sunday in J nuary.

Cobbs Chapel, Elder Robert Edwards, Wilson, 1st Sunday in February.

Seven Holly, Elder Simon Hemby, Arthur, 1st. Sunday in March.

Gays Chapel, Elder Jerry Williamson, Fountain, 2nd Sunday in February.

Union Grove, Elder Jermon Barnes, Wilson, 2nd Sunday in February.

Healthy Plain, Elder Simon Hemby, Arthur, 3rd Sunday in January.

Fountain Hill, Elder Adam Edwards, Fountain, 4th. Sunday in January.

Elder John Johnson, Moderator
Bro. Berry Taylor, Clerk
Bro. David Bynum, Asst. Clerk.

The letter from the Barren River Association, Evansville, Ind. was received and adopted by the Association.

Rev. W. M. Boss, Moderator
Bro. K. G. Alexander, Clerk

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	DELEGATES	Baptized	Rec. by Exp.	Rec. by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Deceased	Members	Contribution
Harpers Chapel	John Johnson	Amos and Bill Williams	1	1	0	0	0	1	35	$20.50
Tyson Creek	Boss Williamson	Lamm Tyson	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	20.00
Oaky Grove	Jermon Barnes	J. H. Simms	0	0	0	0	1	1	23	13.00
Mt. Zion Grove	James Hines	Amos Bryant	0	0	0	4	0	1	23	13.00
Low Level	Robert Edwards	Mose Norvel	0	0	0	1	1	0	10	6.00
Cobbs Chapel	Robert Edwards	Oscar Wooten	0	0	0	0	1	1	11	7.50
Friendship	Jermon Barnes	W. M. Finch, Benj. Bynum	2	0	0	0	1	1	36	20.00
Seven Holly	Simon Hemby	George Taylor	2	0	0	0	0	2	29	18.00
Gays Chapel	Jerry Williamson	Oscar Wooten	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	------
Union Grove	Jermon Barnes	J. H. Sims, Isaac Williams	0	0	0	0	1	2	38	22.50
Healthy Plain	Simon Bemby	Ed. Daniels	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	5.00
Fountain Hill	Adam Edwards	Henry Wooten	1	0	0	0	0	1	8	4.50

PROCEEDINGS

—— OF THE ——

51st. ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Union Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

Church at Low Level

Pitt County, North Carolina

Commencing on Friday before the 1st. Saturday and Sunday in October, 3, 4, 5, 1924

PROCEEDINGS

The Union Association of the Primitive Baptist was held with the Church at Low Level in Pitt County, North Carolina, commencing Friday before first Saturday and Sunday in October, 3, 4 and 5, 1924.

Service was opened with praise and prayer to the Almighty God. Elder James Hines sang the 3rd hymn and offered prayer. Elder Simon Hemby read from the 40th chapter of Psalms of David, "And I waited patiently for the Lord and he inclined unto me and heard my cries." After the morning lesson was read Elder Robert Edwards was called to the stand and preached the introductory sermon. His text was from 21st, chapter and 42nd, verse of Matthew. After Elder Edwards dismissed the stand Elder Jerman Barnes proceeded to preach the Alternate Sermon. His text was from 40th. chapter and 7th. verse of Psalms. Service was closed by singing hymn No. 518 and intermission of 30 minutes was given.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

After an intermission of 30 minutes had passed the several Messengers assembled themselves together and a list of names was called. All were present. Then the law, 18th. chapter of Matthew was read by the Moderator. Service was opened by singing hymn No. 535. Prayer was offered by Elder Cannon Mills. Then service was called to order by the Moderator, and ready for busines.

Sec. 1 The delegates from the several churches chose Elder John Johnson Moderator, and Elder Jerman Barnes Asst. Moderator.

Sec. 2. On motion Bro. David Bynum was chosen Clerk and Bro. Benjamin Bynum Assistant Clerk.

Sec. 3. On motion that Bro. William Finch remain Treasurer,

Sec. 4. On motion that an Arrangement Committee be appointed. Elder John Johnson chairman of committee. Elders Simon Hemby and Ross Williams. On motion Bro. Bill Williams be reporter of texts.

Sec. 5 On motion we appoint a Finance Committee. Bro. Benjamin Bynum. Chairman of committee; Bros. John Simms, Amos Bryant and Isaac Williams, committee.

On motion the Arrangement Committee appoint Ministers to the stand to preach for the people. The committee agreed to send Bro. Walter Brock to the stand to open service. His text ____ _____. Bro. Moses Norvel came next and preached, text from 25th. chapter Jeremiah, 1st. verse. Then Bro. Andrew Reid came forth and preached from 2nd. Corinthians, 2nd. chapter and 9th. verse.

Sec. 6 On motion that messengers of this Association make their report. All churches of the Union Association reported in peace.

On motion that our Corresponding Messengers from the different Association come forth and make their report.

Bro. Phelix Powell from the Little River Association came forth and represented in peace, desiring to be remembered in this Association. Elder James Hines came forth and represented the Loving Association in peace, desiring to be remembered in this Association Elder Simon Hemby came forth and represented the Barren River Association in Indianapolis, Ind., and correspondence was also taken with the Flint River Association of Chattanooga, Tenn.; and the Running Water Association of Florida. These two Associations took up correspondence through and by the Barren River Association of Indiana, and was represented. Elder Arthur Cherry came forth and represented the Corresponding Association in peace, desiring a friendly correspondence with this Association. Union Association was represented by Elders Simon Hemby and James Hines as delegates, who visited the Barren River Association. They desire fellowship with the Union Association. They were received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Messengers. Next to come forth was Elder Paul Bunch from the Contentnea Association, represented in peace, desiring to be remembered in this Conference. Next was Bro. John Perry from the Loving Association desiring a friendly correspondence with this Association. All is peace and love.

The above named Messengers all were received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Messengers.

Sec. 7. On motion that all licensed ministers shall present their license to this Association.

Sec. 8. On motion that we have a thousand (1000) minutes printed by the Moderator and Clerk.

Sec. 9. On motion that the old Treasurer make her report. Reported $2 01.

Sec. 10. On motion that the report of the Treasurer be received. All agreed.

Sec 11. On motion that the Finance Committee make their report. They reported $173 37.

Sec. 12. On motion Conference adjourn by singing hymn No. 674.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Service was opened with hymn No. 533, lined by Bro. Amos Bryant. Prayer by Bro. Ed. Dawes, after which the Moderator appointed Elders James Hines. Cannon Mills and Arthur Perry to preach for the people. Elder James Hines sang hymn No. 41 and preached from the 14th, chapter of St. John—"Let not your Heart be Troubled." Next was Elder Arthur Cherry, his text was from Daniel, 3rd. chapter and 17th verse. Words- "If it be so our Saviour, whom we serve, is able to deliver us from the burning Fiery Furnace, and He will deliver us out of the hand of the King." Next was Elder Cannon Mill and bore witness with the four leading Bros. Elder John Johnson arose next and preached from Rev. 10;7 and after thanking the people for their nice behavior, he dismissed the audience with hymn No. 2.

Elder John Johnson, Moderator
Bro. David Bynum, Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

After the delegates had assembled themselves together the Moderator appointed Elder Simon Hemby to read the morning lesson frym the 13th. chapter of Romans 1-14 verses. Subject; "Love the Fulfilling of the Law." Service was opened by singing hymn No 200. Prayer was offered to the Aimighty God by Elder Simon Hemby. Then the Moderator arose to address the delegates and audience of the Conference. He announced the Conference ready for business.

1. On motion that a list of the Messengers be enrolled and called. The Clerk found on calling the roll that all delegates were marked present,

2. On motion that the program of the Friday afternoon session be read for necessary corrections.

3. On motion that the Arrangement Committee appoint some ministers to the stand to preach for the people.

The committee agreed to send to the stand to preach for the people the following brethren: Bro. Abraham Atkinson opened service by singing hymn No. Elder Jonah Bunch follow-

ed. His text was from St. John, 2nd. chapter. Words: "And I Am the True Vine." Next to come forth was Bro. Nan Haskin and preached from St. John 5:3. Next was Elder Austin Porter and preached from Ron ans 8:5 and closed.

On motion that petuionary letters be called for. There was not any.

On motion that Elder James Hines remain with the church as its pastor at Mt. Havord, Little River Association and also pastor at Hartsville Loving Association.

On motion that Elder Simon Hemby remain pastor of the church at Belema Chapel, Sharpsburg, N C., Contentnea Association.

On motion that the delegates retire and decide where the 1925 Association shall convene at It was agreed between the brethren that the next Association shall convene with the church at Seven Holly, five miles north of Farmville, N. C. Get off the train at Farmville and take a transter to the church. Elder Elder Cannon Mills was appointed to preach the In roductory sermon, Elder Adam Edwards, alternate sermon.

On motion that we get out messengers to visit sister Associations. Elders John Johnson and Robert Edwards to the Little River Association, 1925. Elder James Hines to the Corresponding Association. Elder Simon Hemby with him. Elders Jerman Barnes and Ross Williams to the Contentnea in Goldsboro, N. C.

On motion that Elders Robert Edwards and Ross Williams visit the Barren River Association, Louisville, Ky., on Saturday before the 4th. Sunday in September, 1925.

On motion that the Moderator and Clerk write the circular letter. On motion the Decorum Articles of Faith, the names of the ministers and their post office time of quarterly meetings be printed in these minutes.

On motion that the election of pastors be transferred to the Decorum and taken from the work of the Minutes.

On motion Conference adjourn 30 minutes by singing benediction.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

After an intermission of thirty minutes the delegates assembled themselves together and sang. Prayer was offered by Elder Adam Edwards. Then the Moderator called the Conference in order and ready for business.

On motion that the delegates names be called. All present.

On motion that the Saturday morning session be read and approved.

On motion that the Arrangement Committee call or appoint some ministers to the stand to preach for the people. Committee agreed to send Elders Arthur Cherry and Paul Lunch to the stand. Elder Cherry's text was from Isaiah 55:1. Elder Lunch preached from St Matthew, 7:24.

On motion we take up unfinished business if there be any.

On motion that we take up association contribution.

On motion that Finance Committee make their report. They reported $173.37.

On motion that the clerk receive $2.00 per day for his services and also be paid for time spent in with the minutes thereafter. After all expenses were paid we have left in Treasury $12.00.

On motion conference adjourn by singing hymn No. 100.

Elder John Johnson, Moderetor
Bro. David Bynum, Clerk

On motion that we take from the Treasury $35.00 for the expense of the minutes. Done by order of the Conference.

Elder John Johnson, Moderator
Bro. David Bynum, Clerk.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

After the congregation had assembled, service was opened by singing hymn No. 400, then were led in prayer. The Moderator appointed Elder Adam Edwards to the stand to preached. His text was from Luke 15;6. Next came Elder Arthur Cherry his text was from Matthew, 1;18. Next to comewas Elder John Johnson. His text was from Revelation, 6:1. Elder Robert Edwards bore witness with the leading brethren and closed the meeting by thanking the people for their kindness and good attention during the services and closed with hymn No. 200.

Elder John Johnson, Moderator
Bro. David Bynum, Clerk

NAMES OF ORDAINED ELDERS

Elder John Johnson	Elder Jerry Williams
" Jerman Barnes	" Robert Edwards
" Ross Williams	" Adam Edwards
" Cannon Mills	" Simon Hemby
" Blount Best	" Fate Melton

Remarks: Elder Blount Best is now well stricken with age and has discontinued pastoring any church, but is yet contending for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. Let us hope that we may all hold out to the end and run the race with

patience finally. Brethren pray for each other and lay down every weight of sin that does so evil beset us.

Elder John Johnson, Moderator
Bro. David Bynum, Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

The delegates all assembled Sunday morning and services were opened to the Almighty God by singing hymn No. 382. Prayer by Bro John Perry. Then the roll of delegates was called. All present. It was agreed that the circular letter be read; also agreed that ministers license be returned to them.

On motion and agreed that Conference adjourn by singing hymn No. 701.

MINISTERS TEXTS

Bro Abraham Atkinson opened the service to the Almighty God with singing and praise.

Elder Boss Williams came forth to preach. His text was from 65th chapter of Isaiah, 1 verse. Elder Jerman Barnes took the same text and bore witness.

Elder Simon Hemby came forth next and preached from 22nd. chapter Revelations and last words. Amen.

Elder Arthur Cherry came forth. His text was from Matthew, 1st. chapter and 1st. verse.

Elder John Johnson came forth. His text was from Rev., 10th. chapter, 10-22nd. verses and closed the services by kindly thanking the audience for their good attention and for taking care of visiting brethren and friends. Closed with hymn No. 618. Subject: "The Christians Farewell."

Elder John Johnson, Moderator
" Jerman Barnes, Asst. Mod.
Bro. David Bynum, Clerk
Bro. Benj. Bynum, Asst. Clerk

LICENSED MINISTERS

Bro. Nan Haskin
" Walter Brooks
" Atlis Ellis
Bro. Andrew Reid
" Abraham Adkins
" Moses Novel
Bro. Jonas Woodard

CONTRIBUTIONS OF EACH CHURCH, DELEGATES AND THEIR POST OFFICE

Harpers Chapel. Bro. Bill Williams, Farmville. $25.00

Tyson Creek. Bro. Sam Tyson, Greenville. $20.00.
Oaky Grove. Bro. John Simms, Wilson. $12.50.
Mt. Zion Grove. Amos Bryant, Winterville $13.50.
Low Level. James Novel, Fountain. $8.00.
Cobbs Chapel, O. S. Wooten, Fountain. $7.50.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

Reference to Ministers Texts

Elder Ross Williams, Isaiah 65:1. Words---"Ho, every-one that thirstieth, come ye to the waters; and he that hath no money, come buy and eat. Yea come buy wine without money with price." Elder Jerman Barnes preached from the same text.

Elder Simon Hemby. Words--"The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, Amen. Revelation 22:21.

Elder Arthur Cherry. Words---"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise when as His mother Mary was expoused to Joseph before they came together she was found with child of the Holy Ghost." St. Matthew 1:18.

Elder John Johnson Words---"And I took the little book out of the Angel's hand and ate it up, and it was in my mouth sweet as honey, and soon as I had eaten it my belly was bitter" Revelation 10:10.

Friendship. W. M. Finch, Benj. Bynum. Lucama.
Seven Holly; George Taylor, Fountain. $27.50.
Union Grove; John Sims, Isaac Williams, Wilson. $20.50.
Healthy Plain; Ed. Dawes, Wilson. $5.00.
Fountain Hill; Henry Wooten, Fountain. $4.50.
Gays Chapel, O S. Wooten, Fountain $5.00.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren: This is our 52nd. Annual Session of the Union Primitive Baptist Association, held with the church at Low Level, Pitt County, N. C., commencing Friday betore the 1st. Sunday in October, 1924.

We are indeed glad that God has blessed us to meet in another annual session, around one common mercy seat and to show forth the praise of the Lord once more. We are glad to acknowledge the goodness of the Lord towards us, glad that He has joined us together from ocean to ocean and has enabled us to see the glorious light of Zion spreading far and wide. Feeling though sometimes that we are persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not forgotten. Finally Dear Brethren, let us stand together as men of God and endure afflictions that

the cause of Christ may go on; and let us stand up for His cause until traveling days are done.

Done by order of Conference.

Elder S. E. Hemby, Writer
" John Johnson, Moderator
Bro. David Bynum, Clerk
" Benj. Bynum, Asst. Clerk

CHURCHES, PASTORS, POST OFFICES AND TIME OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Harpers Chapel. Elder John Johnson, Farmville 3rd. Sunday in February.

Tyson Creek. Elder Ross Williams, Farmville. 4th. Sunday in February.

Low Level. Elder Robert Edwards, Wilson. 2nd. Sunday in January.

Mt. Zion Grove. Elder Cannon Mills, Winterville. 3rd. Sunday in January.

Oaky Grove. Elder Jerman Barnes, Wilson. 4th Sunday in December.

Friendship. Elder Jerman Barnes, Wilson. 3rd. Sunday in January.

Cobbs Chapel. Elder Robert Edwards, Wilson. 1st. Sunday in February.

Seven Holly. Elder Simon Hemby, Arthur. 1st. Sunday in March.

Gays Chapel. Elder Jerry Williams, Fountain. 2nd. Sunday in February.

Union Grove. Elder Jerman Barnes, Wilson. 2nd Sunday in February.

Healthy Plain. Elder Simon Hemby, Arthur. 3rd. Sunday in January.

Fountain Hill. Elder Adam Edwards, Fountain. 4th. Sunday in January.

Elder John Johnson, Moderator
Bro David Bynum, Clerk
" Benj. Bynum, Asst. Clerk

RULES OF DECORUM

1. No member shall be received from a sister church without a letter of dismission.

2. If a member be given to raising con'usion in the church, whether minister or member, the church must at once take steps to exclude such member.

3. No member shall be allowed to visit ball rooms or parties And if they do they will be in the hands of the church and will be liable to be excluded.

4. Members who will not obey our rules, which are simple and easy, must not be held.

5. When a member has been excluded for violating the rules of the church and comes back and makes confession before the church, it is the duty of the church to receive the member. And if there be any, through malice are not willing to receive, they shall be in the hands of the church.

6. Each church shall fast three times each year.

7. No ordained church of the same faith shall be nearer than seven miles.

8. Any member who calls for his name and keeps it in his pocket over three weeks is considered out of the church.

9. Any member failing to attend three succeeding quarterly meetings without sickness, shall be in the hands and discretion of the church.

10. All Elders and ministers of this Association shall hereafter return their License and Credentials to the Association at its annual meetings that they may be in possession of the Association in case it has anything against such Minister or Elder.

11. All churches of this Association shall have ordained Deacons if they possibly can.

12. Every church of this Association shall have power to hold an election once a year and elect or re-elect their pastor.

13. No licensed minister shall be ordained in this Association without first building up a church and receiving two or three members, or accept church calls for him. Then he must preach a trial sermon before three or more ordained Elders. Then he shall be deemed fit for ordination.

14. Any church belonging to the Union Association if cut off or dropped by an act of this body or a Union Meeting, no brother or brothers shall take it up, neither any Association

whom we correspond with. Such shall be received only by petitionary letters to the Union.

15. We especially prohibit any member belonging to the Union Association to join any other secret organization. If any member joins such society, they shall not be held by any church belonging to the Union Association, If any church knowingly holds such member or members, it shall be dropped by the Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the God head; the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are words of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election

We believe the doctrine of original sin. We believe in the doctrine of mans impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by imputed brightness of Christ.

We believe that God's elects shall be called, converted and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

We believe that saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall.

We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing the Saints feet are ordinances, and the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment,

We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous shall be eternal,

We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper except such as regularly ordained presbyter.

Elder Johny Johnson, Moderator
Elder Jerman Barnes, Asst. Moderator
Bro. David Bynum. Clerk
" Benjamin Bynum, Asst. Clerk

Dear Reader:

You will find here in our Minutes the Biography of Elder John Johnson, the Moderator of the Union Primitive Baptist Association.

Elder John Johnson was born May 10th, 1848 and became a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Hearts Meeting House, now known as Harpers Chapel. He was baptized in July, 1869; served in the office of Deacon three years and was then called to the work of the Ministry in 1872, and since that time organized sixteen churches in the Union Primitive Baptist Association, which Association has held 51 Annual Sessions. He has traveled throu h eight different states and has made correspondence with several Associations. He has organized churches, received and baptized members in Mississippi and South Carolina and at this writing he is still the Moderator of the Union Primitive Baptist Association. He preaches the gospel of Jesus Christ with great power, and seems to be as full of zeal as he was years ago when conversing with the writer concerning his work in the ministry. He said—"I have been working in the cause of Christ ever since 1869 and I am not tired yet. I h ıve had many stumbles and down falls and yet I have, by the help of God, arose and contended for the faith that was once delivered to the Saints, and I never expect to give up the battle until the God of heaven says—

'Thou faithful servant, come up higher,
For hell may rage and venture spite,
Yet Christ will save His hearts delight'

I have always, since God opened my blinded eyes, believed in predestination and election, that is, that God saved His people in the beginning of time, for as the scripture sayeth, "Has not the Potter power over the same lump of clay to make one vested unto honor and one unto dishonor." (See Romans, 9th. chapter, 21st. verse.) Elder Johnson was ordained by Elders Lot Davis, Abe, Jones and David Davis at Union Grove Church in Craven County New Bern, N. C.

Written by BRO. DAVID BYNUM

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	DELEGATES	Baptized	Rec. by Excom.	Rec. by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Deceased	Members	Contribution
Harpers Chapel	John Johnson	Bill Williams, George Farmer	0	0	0	1	0	1	42	$25.00
Tyson Creek	Ross Williams	Leon Tyson	0	0	0	1	0	0	30	20.00
Oaky Grove	Jerman Barnes	John Sims	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	12.50
Mt Zion Grove	Cannon Mills	Amos Bryant	0	0	0	0	6	3	22	13.50
Low Level	Robert Edwards	James Novel	2	1	0	0	0	0	13	8.00
Cobbs Chapel	Robert Edwards	O. S. Wooten	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	7.50
Friendship	Jerman Barnes	W. M. Finch, Benj. Bynum	4	0	0	0	1	3	37	27.50
Seven Holly	Simon Hemby	George Taylor	0	0	0	3	0	0	26	20.00
Gays Chapel	O. S. Wooten	Jerry Williams	0						4	3.00
Union Grove	Jerman Barnes	John Simms, Isaac Williams	1	0	0	0	1	1	36	20.50
Healthy Plain	Simon Hemby	Ed. Dawes	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	5.00
Fountain Hill	Adam Edwards	Henry Wooten	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	4.50
								TOTAL		$167.00

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

52nd. Annual Session

OF THE

Union Primitive Baptist Association

Held With

Church at Seven Holly

PITT COUNTY, N. C.

Commencing on Friday before the First Saturday and Sunday in October, 1925

Barrett's Printing House
Wilson, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

The Union Association of the Primitive Baptist was held with the Church at Seven Holly, Pitt County, N. C., commencing on Friday before the 1st. Sunday in October, 2nd, 3rd. and 4th., 1925.

Service was opened with praise and prayer to the Almighty God. Elder James Hines selected hymn No. 400. Elder Robert Edwards offered prayer to the Almighty God. Then the Moderator called on Elder Simon Hemby to read the morning lesson. He read from 92nd. Psalm of David. Words—"And it is a good thing to give praise unto the Lord and to sing praise to thy Holy Name, O Most High." After reading the morning lesson, the Moderator called Elder Cannon Mills to the stand to preach the Introductory sermon. His text was from 14th. chapter of St. John. Words—"Let not your heart be troubled.', Elder Adam Edwards came forth to preach the Alternate sermon after singing hymn No. 341. His text was from 14th. chapter and 1st. verse of Rev. After Elder Edwards dismissed the stand the Moderator closed service by singing hymn No. 505 and gave intermission for 30 minutes.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

After thirty minutes intermission the delegates met in conference and sang praise No. 38; then the clerk called the roll and all messengers were present and conference was announced ready for business.

On motion that we hear the laws read. The Moderator called Elder Simon Hemby to read the 18th chapter of Matthew, the law.

On motion that conference be opened by praise and prayer. Elder John Johnson lined hymn No. 38. Prayer was offered by Elder Ross Williams.

On motion that three Committees retire and decide who shall be our next Moderator and Clerk. The committee appointed Elder John Johnson Moderator, Bro. David Bynum Clerk. Elder Jerman Barnes Assistant Moderator, Bro. Benjamin Bynum Assistant Clerk.

On motion that Bro. William Finch remain our Association Treasurer.

On motion that a committee on arrangement of preaching be appointed. Elders Simon Hemby, James Hines and Robert Edwards was appointed the committee. Bro. Bill Williams was appointed reporter of ministers texts.

On motion that visiting brethren be invited to take seats with us and take a part in Conference and feel themselves at home.

The committee appointed Bro. Walter Brooks to open service at the stand with praise and prayer. Bro. Abraham Ad kinson proceeded, his text was from 1st. chapter. 12th. verse of St. John. Next was Bro. Andrew Reid, his text was 3rd chapter and 1st. verse of St. John.

On motion that we appoint a Finance Committee. Bros. Benjamin Bynum, Isaac Williams and Amos Bryant were appointed Finance Committee.

On motion that the Messengers from the Union Association make their report. All the churches were represented in peace and desiring to be remembered in this Conference and to keep up a friendly correspondence.

On motion that petitionary letters be called for if there be any. Elder Moses Novel came forth to enter the Association with a new church. He was assigned to Gay's Chapel. Done by order of Conference. this the 2nd. day of October, 1925.

On motion that report on sister churches be received.

On motion that corresponding messengers come forth and make their report. Elder George Artice came forth from the Loving Association and represented her in peace and desiring to be remembered in this Conference. Next was Elder Paul Bunch from the Contentnea Association; all is in peace and desires to be remembered in this Conference. Next was Bro. Phelix Powell, also in peace and desires to be remembered in this Conference. Bro. Powell is from the Little River Association. Next was Elder Taylor from the Radicue Association, represented in peace and desiring to be remembered in this Conference. The Barren River Association was represented by letter and a file of minutes. Reported in peace and desires to be remembered in the conference. The Messengers report was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Messengers with words of greetings.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Conference opened at 9:30 o'clock. The several delegates meet together and after the roll call and all being present, Conference was called to order by praise and prayer to the Almighty God. Sang praise No. 533. Prayer by Elder James Hines. Then the Moderator called Elder Simon Hemby to read the 18th. chapter of Matthew, the law. Then the Moderator announced Conference ready for business.

On motion that roll of delegates be called and absence noted.

On motion that visiting brethren be invited to take seats with us and take part in Conference and feel themselves at home.

On motion that we hear the proceedings of last session read and errors corrected. Elder Austin Porter who was absent Friday came forth to represent the Correspondence Association. All is in peace and desires to be remembered in this Conference. He was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship with words of greeting.

On motion that the Arrangement Committee appoint some minister to the stand to preach for the people. The committee appointed Bro. Nan Haskin. His text was 1st. chapter, 12th. verse of St. John. Elder Robert Edwards followed; his text was from 13th chapter, 15th. verse of St. John. Elder George Artice came forth, his text was from the book of Moses, 2nd. chapter.

On motion that petitionary letters be called for, if any.

On motion that Elder Simon Hemby remain with the church at Bellamy Chapel of the Contentnea Association.

On motion that Elder James Hines remain pastor of the church at Mt. Havored, Little River Association.

On motion that Elder James Hines remain with the church at Hattsville, Loving Association.

The several delegates retired to decide where the next Association shall go. Their verdict was that the next Association shall convene with the church at Harpers Chapel, 3 miles south of Farmville, N. C., Green County. Elder Fate Melton was chosen to preach the introductory sermon. Eld. Jerman Barnes to preach the alternate sermon.

On motion that the Decorum, Articles of Faith, Ministers names, their Post Office Address and their quarterly meeting dates be printed in the Minutes.

On motion that we get out messengers to visit sister Associations.

To the Correspondence, Elder John Johnson and Eld. Ross Williams with him,

To the Little River Association, Elder Simon Hemby and Elder Jerman Barnes with him.

To the Contentnea Association, Elder Robert Edwards and Elder Fate Melton with him, 1925.

To the Radicue, Elder Cannon Mills, 1926.

On motion and agreed that we represent the Union Association to the Barren River Association of Indianapolis, Ind. by letter and a file of minutes.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

After an intermission of one hour the several delegates assembled themselves together. Service was open by singing hymn No. 337. Prayer was offered to the Almighty God by Elder Simon Hemby. The roll was called, all messengers answered present. Messengers from sister Associations names were called, all present.

On motion that the morning session be read

On motion that visiting brethren be invited to take seats with us take a part in conference and make themselves at home.

On motion that the Arrangement Committee send some ministers to the stand to preach for the people. The Committee agreed to send Elders Jerman Barnes, Paul Bunch and Moses Novel. Elder Novel's text was from Isaiah 45th. chapter, 7th. verse. Elder Paul Bunch' text was from Matthew, 7th. chapter, 24th. verse. Elder Jerman Barnes' text was from Isaiah 40th. chapter, 1st. verse.

On motion that unfinished business be taken up if there be any.

On motion that we take up Association contribution.

On motion that the Finance Committee make their report. The Committee reported $183.23.

On motion that we pay our Moderator $4.00 per day and pay the Clerk $3.00 per day.

On motion that we pay off the expenses of the Association. After paying off the Association expenses we have left in Treasurer $77.10, and $50.00 for printing minutes which leaves $27.10 in hands of Treasurer. Bro. W. M. Finch, Treasurer.

On motion and agreed Conference adjourn by singing hymn No. 506.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Service was opened by praise No. 275. Prayer was offered to the Almighty God by Elder Jerry Williams. The Moderator arose to address the people. After having made a short talk the people, invited by the Moderator, to take seats out to the stand. After singing hymn No. 704, Conference adjourned until 1926.

Ministers Text for Sunday Morning Service

Elder Jerry Williams opened service by singing praise No. 185, with prayer. Elder Fate Melton came forth. His text was from the 16th. chapter, 17th. verse of Job. Words—"My witness is in heaven and my records on high."

Elder Austin Porter came forth next. His text was from 8th. chapter of Rome.

Next came forth was Elder Richard Edwards from Georgia and sang praise No. 411. His text was from the 8th. chapter of Romans.

Elder James Hines came forth and sang hymn No. 200. His text was from the 14th. chapter, 3rd. verse of St. John.

Elder Simon Hemby followed the foreleading Elders and closed by thanking the people for their kindness in taking care of the visitors and closed the service by singing hymn No. 298.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Brother Nan Haskin	Brother Andrew Reid
" Walter Brooks	" Abraham Adkins
" Atlis Ellis	" Jonas Woodard

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethrens:—

This being our 52nd Annual Session of the Union Primitive Baptist Association held with the Church at Seven Holly, Pitt County, N. C. commencing on Friday before the 1st. Sunday in October. 1926.

Brethren. we are indeed glad that our Heavenly Father has permitted us to meet in another annual session around one common mercy seat. to mingle our voices together in praise to Him who doeth all things well. We are glad that He still enables us to acknowledge His goodness to us; glad that He has joined us together from ocean to ocean. and has let us see the glorious light of Zion spread far and wide. Although feeling sometimes that we have missed the substance and caught the shadow, we have a hope which is the anchor of our soul, both sure and

steadfast. Feeling that we are tempted but not distress, persecuted but not forsaken, cast down but not destroyed.

Finally, dear brethren. let us stand together as children of God, endure affliction, bear one anothers burdens and pray for each other that the Lord may cause us to thrive and grow. and that He will bend our will His way until traveling days are done.

Done by order of Conference.

Elder Simon Hemby
Elder John Johnson, Moderator
Bro. David Bynum, Clerk

NAMES OF ORDAINED ELDERS

Elder John Johnson	Elder Robert Edwards
" Cannon Mills	" Simon Hemby
" Blount Best	" Adam Edwards
" Jerman Barnes	" Fate Melton
" Ross Williams	" Moses Novel

Elder Jerry Williams

CHURCHES, PASTORS, POST OFFICE AND TIME OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Harpers Chapel, Elder John Johnson, Farmville, N. C.; 3rd. Sunday in February.

Tyson Creek, Elder Ross Williams, Farmville, N. C.; 4th. Sunday in February.

Low Level, Elder Robert Edwards, Fountain, N. C.; 2nd. Sunday in January.

Mt. Zion Grove, Elder Cannon Mills, Winterville, N. C.; 3rd. Sunday in January.

Oaky Grove, Elder Jerman Barnes, Wilson, N. C., 4th. Sunday in December.

Friendship, Elder Jerman Barnes, Wilson. N. C.; 3rd. Sunday in January.

Cobbs Chapel, Elder Robert Edwards, Fountain, N C.

Seven Holly, Elder Simon Hemby, Greenville, N. C., Route 6, Box 112; 1st. Sunday in March.

Gays Chapel, Elder Moses Novel, Fountain, N. C.; 2nd. Sunday in February.

Union Grove, Elder Jerman Barnes. Wilson, N. C.; 2nd. Sunday in February.

Healthy Plain, Elder Simon Hemby. 3rd. Sunday in Jan.

Fountain Hill. Elder Adam Edwards, Fountain, N. C.; 4th Sunday in January.

Jerusalem Grove, Elder Fate Melton, Wilson, N. C.; 1st. Sunday in February.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF EACH CHURCH AND THEIR DELEGATES AND THEIR POST OFFICE

Harpers Chapel, Bro. B. Williams, Farmville	$25.00
Tyson Creek, Bro. Lamm Tyson, Greenville	20.00
Oaky Grove, Bro. John Sims, Wilson	13.50
Mt. Zion Grove, Bro. Amos Bryant, Winterville	15.00
Low Level, Bro. James Novel, Fountain	7.50
Cobs Chapel, Bro. O. S. Wooten, Fountain	7.30
Friendship, Bro. W. M. Finch, Lucama	30 50
Seven Holly, Bro. Geo. H. Taylor, Fountain	15.50
Union Grove, Bro. John Sims, Wilson,	21.00
Healthy Plain, Bro. Ed. Davis, Wilson	5.50
Fountain Hill, Bro. Henry Wooten, Fountain	5.00
Gay's Chapel, Bro. James Novel, Fountain	2.50
Jerusalem Grove, Bro. Leston Pitt, Wilson	3.50

David Bynum, Clerk, Lucama, N. C., R. 3, Box 34

NAMES OF CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS

Elder Robert Taylor from the Radicue Association.
Elder Paul Bunch from the Contentnea Association.
Elder Austin Porter from the Corresponding Association.
Elder George Artist from the Loving Association.
Bro. Phelix Powell from the Little River Association.
Elder Richard Edwards from Georgia.

Dear Reader:-

You will find here in our Minutes, the Biography of Elder John Johnson, Moderatorof Union Primitive Baptist Association.

Elder John Johnson was born May 10th. 1848 and became a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Hearts Church, now known as Harpers Chapel. He was baptised in July 1869, served in the office of Deacon three years and was then called to the work of the ministry in 1872, and since that time has organized 16 churches in the Union Primitive Baptist Association; which Association has held 52 annual sessions. He has traveled through 8 different States and has made correspondence with several Associations. He has organized churches, received and

baptised members in Mississippi and other States, and at this writing, he is still the Moderator of the Union Association. He preaches the Gospel of Jesus Christ with great zeal and holds up in fine style when conversing with the writer concerning his ministry work. He said---"I have been working the cause of Christ ever since 1869 and I am not tired yet. I have had many stumbles and downfalls and yet I have, by the help of God, arose and contended for the faith that was once delivered to the saints, and I never expect to give up until the God of Heaven says---

"Thou faithful servant come up higher.
For hell may rage and venture spite---
Yet Christ will save his hearts delight."

"I have always, since God opened my blinded eyes, believed in predestination and election; that is, that God saved His people in the beginning of time, for as the scripture sayeth--- "Has not the potter power over the same lump of clay to make one vessel unto honor and one unto dishonor." (See Romans 9th. chapter, 21st. verse.)

Elder John Johnson was ordained by Elders Lot Davis, Abe Jones and David Davis at Union Grove Church in Craven County, New Bern, N. C.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. No member shall be received from a sister church without a letter of dismission.

2. If a member be given to raising in the church, whether minister or member, the church must at once take steps to exclude such member.

3. No member shall be allowed to visit ball rooms or parties; and if they do they will be in the hands of the church and will be excluded from the church.

4. Members who will not obey our rules which are simple and easy will not be held.

5. When a member has been excluded for violating the rules of the church, comes back and makes confession before the church, it is the duty of the church to receive the member. And if there are any through malice, not willing to receive the member, they shall be in the hands of the church.

6. Each church shall fast three times each year.

7. No ordained church of the same faith shall be nearer than seven miles.

8. Any member who calls for their name and keeps it in his or her pocket over three months is considered out of the church.

9. Any member failing to attend three succeeding quarterly meetings without sickness shall be in the hands of the church.

10. All Elders and Ministers of this Association shall hereafter return their credentials and license to the Association at its annual meeting, that they may be in possession of the Association in case it has anything against such Elder or minister.

11. All churches of this Association shall have ordained Deacons if they possibly can.

12. Every church of this Association shall have power to hold an election once a year and elect or re-elect their pastor.

13. No licensed minister shall be ordained in this Association without first building up a church and receiving two or three members, or except some church called for him for their pastor, then he must preach a trial sermon before three or more Elders, then he shall be fit for ordination.

14. Any church belonging to the Union Association if cut off or dropped by an act of this body or a Union meeting, no brother or brothers shall take it up, neither any Association whom we correspond with. Such church shall be received only by petitionary letters to the Union.

15. We especially prohibit any member belonging to the Union Association to join any secret organization. If any member joins such society they shall not be held by any church belonging to the Union Association. If any church knowingly holds such member or members, it shall be dropped by the Association.

ELDER JOHN JOHNSON, Moderator
BRO. DAVID BYNUM, Clerk

ABSTRACTS OF PRINCIPLES

We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

We believe in one Superior Eternal God the creator and upholder of all beings and the disposer of all events for there are three that bear record in heaven; the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one. I John 1:5.

We believe in the total depravity and just condemnation of all the fallen race of Adam.

We believe in original sin and that the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted, regenerated, sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

We believe that the saints shall always preserve in grace and never finally fall away.

We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers in Jesus Christ are the only subjects entitled to these privileges.

We believe the mode of baptism is by immersing in water.

We believe that God chose his people in Christ Jesus before the world began.

We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of ordinances only such as are regularly baptized, called and come under the imposition of the hands presbyter.

We believe that none but regularly baptized members have the right to commune at the Lord's Table.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	DELEGATES	Baptized	Rec. by Excom.	Rec. by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contributions
Harpers Chapel	John Johnson	Bill Williams, Jesse Taylor	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	$25.00
Tyson Creek	Ross Williams	Lamm Tyson	1	1	1	0	0	0	31	20.00
Oaky Grove	Jerman Barnes	John Sims	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	13.50
Mt. Zion Grove	Cannon Mills	Amos Bryant	0	0	1	0	0	0	23	15.00
Low Level	Robert Edwards	James Novel	1	1	0	1	2	1	13	7.50
Cobs Chapel	Robert Edwards	O. S. Wooten	0	0	0	0	1	0	11	7.50
Friendship	Jerman Barnes	W. M. Finch, B. Bynum	6	0	0	0	0	1	49	30.50
Seven Holly	Simon Hemby	Geo. Taylor, G. Barnes	1	0	0	1	0	0	26	15.50
Gay's Chapel	Moses Novel	James Novel	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	2.50
Union Grove	Jerman Barnes	J. Sims, I. Williams	1	0	0	0	1	1	33	21.00
Healthy Plain	Simon Hemby	Ed. Davis	1	1	0	0	0	0	9	5.50
Fountain Hill	Adam Edwards	Henry Wooten	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	5.00
Jerusalem Grove	Fate Melton	Leston Pitt	2	0	1	0	0	0	5	3.50

PROCEEDINGS

——OF THE——

54th Annual Session

——OF THE——

Union Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

The Church of Mt. Zion Grove

Commencing on Friday before the First Saturday and Sunday in October, 1927.

Renfrew Printing Company
Greenville, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

The service began by singing hymn No. 533, lined by Brother Abraham Atkinson. After which Elder S. E. Hemby read for an opening lesson the 5th chapter of St. Matthew, sang hymn No. 433. Prayer by Brother Bill Williams. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Jerman Barnes from Joel 2, 1st verse, followed by Elder Robert Edwards who sang hymn No. 328 and preached the Alternate Sermon from Acts 8:33. Services were closed by singing hymn 701. Recess for one hour.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

After an intermission of one hour the Association assembled and sang hymn No. 492, prayer by Elder James Hines, then the Moderator announced the house in order for business.

On motion that a lesson be read, the lesson was read by Elder S. E. Hemby from the 3rd chapter of St. Matthew.

On motion the reading of the lesson be received as being beneficial to all.

On motion the delegates from the several churches retire and choose a moderator and clerk. The delegates chose Elder John Johnson, Moderator, S. E. Hemby, Assistant Moderator, Brother David Bynum, Clerk, Brother Bennie Bynum, Assisant Clerk.

On motion Brother William Finch remain Treasurer.

On motion Brother John Peyton remain reporter.

On motion a committee on arrangement of preaching be appointed. Elder John Johnson, Elder James Hines, Elder Robert Edwards.

On motion we choose a finance committee. Brothers Bennie Bynum, Amos Bryant, Jim Artis, Oscar Wooten, Leaston Pitt.

On motion the messengers from the several churches make their report and their names enrolled.

Harpers Chapel: Bill Williams, Jessie Taylor.

Tysons Creek: Lamm Tyson and Amos Bryant.

Oaky Grove: John Simms.

Mt. Zion Grove: Amos Bryant.

Low Level: James Artis.

Cobbs Chapel: Oscar Wooten, Marcelus Moore.

Friendship: William Finch, Bennie Bynum.

Seven Holly: Golden Barnes.

Gays Chapel: John Ellis.

Union Grove: John Simms.

Healthy Plains: Leaston Pitt.

Fountain Hill: Henry Wooten.

Jerusalem Grove: Leaston Pitt.

Jerico Chapel: Isaac Edwards. All repoted in peace.

On motion the report of the messengers be received.

On motion Messengers from sister associations make their report.

Brother Joe Everett from the Little River reported in peace and desired that friendly correspondence continue.

Elder Grant Carr from the Loving reported in peace.

Elder H. M. Smith from the Radecue reported in peace.

Elder W. M. K. Taylor represented the Contentnae as being in peace.

The Consolidated Flint River and Running Water was represented by letter and a file of minutes, also the Indian Creek. The messengers were received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

On motion the committee on arrangement of preaching make their report.

The Committee appointed Brother Abraham Atkinson to open the service at the stand. Brother Andrew Reid to follow. Elder Grant Carr to close.

On motion that all Elders and preachers present their license to the Moderator.

On motion the Moderator and Clerk have 1000 Minutes printed and distributed.

On motion that Conference adjourn. Conference adjourned by singing hymn 506.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

The service was opened by praise and prayer, sang hymn No.. 433, prayer by Brother Bennie Bynum. Then the moderator announced Brother Abraham Atkinson. His text was Revelations 21st Chapter, 1st verse, followed by Elder James Hines who sang Hymn No. 400, his text was St. John, 3rd chapter, 1st verse. Followed by Elder Adam Edwards, text St. John, 1st chapter, 1st verse. Followed by Elder H. M. Smith, text St. John, 14th Chapter, 1st, 2nd and 3rd verses. The service was closed by Elder Robert Edwards singing 507. Benediction by the Moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association met pursuant to adjournment opened b ysinging hymn No. 540. Then the Moderator called Elder Robert Edwards to read and discuss the rules and laws of the Union Primitive Baptist Association and also read the articles of faith to the church.

The Conference was opened by singing hymn 352 lined by Elder Ross Williamson, prayer by Elder Ross Williamson. Then the Moderator announced the house in order for business.

On motion the list of Delegates be called and absentees noted.

On motion that visiting brethern be invited to seats with us and feel themselves at home.

On motion the committee on arrangement make their report.

The committee appointed Elder Fate Melton to the stand, followed by Elder Moses Norvel, followed by Elder Cannon Mills.

On motion Friday's session be read and adopted.

On motion petitionary letters be called for if any Brother Joe Everett petitioned the Association for Elder James Hines to remain with the church at Mt. Haywood during 1928. His petition was granted. Brother John Perry also petitioned the Association for Elder Hines to remain with the Loving during 1928, his petition was also granted.

On motion the Delegates from the several Churches retire and say where the next Association shall convene. It pleased the minds of the delegates to send the next annual session to Tysons Creek Church, Falkland, N. C., commencing on Friday before the First Sunday in October, 1928. Elder Fate Melton to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Moses Norvel Alternate.

On motion Elder S. E. Hemby prepare the Circular letter.

On motion we chose messengers to visit sister Associations.

On motion Elder S. E. Hemby and Elder James Hines to go to the Little River. To the Corresponding Association Brother Andrew Reid, 1927.

On motion that we correspond with the Indian Creek Association by letter and a file of minutes.

On motion that Elder John Johnson be a messenger to the Contentnea and Elder S. E. Hemby with him.

To the Radecue Association 1928, Elder Ross Williamson.

On motion that the Articles of Faith, names of ministers and their postoffices be printed on the face of the minutes.

On motion conference adjourn for one hour by singing praise No. 701. Benediction by Elder John Johnson.

After an intermission of one hour the delegates assembled and sang hymn No. 533 lined by Elder James Hines. Prayer by Brother John Berry. Then the Moderator announced the conference in order for business.

On motion that list of delegates be called and absentees noted.

On motion that corresponding messengers be called, all present.

On motion that visiting brethern be invited to seats with us and feel themselves at home.

On motion that petitionary letters be called for if any.

On motion that the committee on arrangement of preaching make their report.

Brother Walter Brooks to open, Elder Adam Edwards to follow, who was also followed by Elder H. M. Smith.

On motion that we get a messenger to visit the Loving Association for 1928. To the Loving Association Elder Robert Edwards.

On motion that Saturday morning session be read and approved.

On motion the morning session be received and adopted.

On motion the circular letter be read.

On motion the circular letter be accepted by the conference.

On motion we take up unfinished business.

On motion that we take up contribution.

Contribution From Each Church

Harpers Chapel	$23.00
Tyson Creek	$21.00
Oakey Grove	$10.00
Mt. Zion Grove	$13.50
Low Level	$7.00
Cobbs Chapel	$7.50
Friendship	$29.00
Seven Holly	$20.50
Union Grove	$19.00
Healthy Plains	$9.00
Fountain Hill	$6.50
Gays Chapel	$8.00
Jeruselam Grove	$6.50
Jericho Chapel	$2.00
Found in the hands of the treosurer	$24.25
Total	$208.25

On motion the finance committee make their report.

On motion the report of the finance committee be received.

On motion the finance committee pay the expenses of the Association.

On motion the Association pay the Moderators $4 per day and pay the Clerk $3 per day.

On motion conference adjourn, sang hymn No. 507.

Elder John Johnson, Moderator
Elder Simon E. Hemby, Asstistant Mod.
Brother David Bynums, Clerk
Brother Bennie Bynums, Asst. Clerk.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

The services was opened by Brother W. M. Finch, who sang hymn No. 76. Prayer by Brother Bennie Bynums. Then the Moderator announced Brother Ferdinand Hoskins, his text was from the 60th chapter of Isaih. Followed by Elder Fate Melton, who sang hymn No. 189, his text was St. John, 14th, 1st. Followed by Elder W. M. K. Taylor, who sang hymn No. 339, text Isaih 35:35. The services were closed by Elder James Hines who sang hymn No. 298.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

The service was opened by praise and prayer , sang hymn No. 364, prayer by brother W. M. Finch.

On motion that Saturday evening session be read and approved.

On motion that the session be received.

On motion that conference adjourn for 1927 by singing hymn No. 704.

AT THE STAND

The services began by singing hymn No. 3, lined by Brother Walter Brooks. Prayer by Brother Abraham Atkinson, then Elder Grant Carr sang hymn No. 490 and preached from St. John, 15th chapter, 1, 2. Followed by Elder Fate Melton who sang hymn No. 49 and preached from the 8th chapter of Romans. Followed by Elder W. M. K. Taylor, who used praises No. 149 and preached Peter 2, 3, 9. Followed by Elder Robert Edwards, who preached from 8th Proverbs, 20th verse. Followed by Elder Jtmes Hines who used praise No.468 and preached from the 15th chapter of St. Luke. The services was closed by Elder S. E. Hemby using as a text Isaih 35:10 and the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads etc. Then the Moderator arose and thanked the people for their good behavior and for taking care of the Association and after singing hymn No. 618 came to a close.

Elder John Johnson, Moderator
Elder Simon E. Hemby, Assistant Mod.
Brother David Bynums, Clerk
Brother Bennie Bynums, Asst. Clerk.

OBITUARY

It is with sadness that I try to chronicle the death of Elder Moses Norvel. He was born Novembebr 6th, 1893 and died on November 4th, 1927, being 34 years old liking two days.

He united with the church of Low Level during the year of 1916 and soon became the Deacon of that Church, which office he faithfully served for a number of years, until he was called to the work of the ministry. He was soon ordained and was very successful in the ministry. Soon being called to Gays Chapel as pastor which office he filled until his death.

He was strong in the Faith until his death and on the morning that he died just a few minutes before his death he preached his farewell sermon (Write blessed are the dead that die in the Lord. for henceforth sayest the spirit they shall rest from their labors and their work shall follow them.) Then He called Elder Johnson, Elder Hemby, Elder Edwards, Brother Brooks—and fell asleep.

He is survived by his wife and three children, his mother, one brother and four sisters and the entire Association to mourn his loss.

List of Elders and Their Post Office, Their Churches and Time of Quarterly Meetings

Harpers Chapel, Elder John Johnson, Farmville, N. C. 3rd Sunday in February.

Tyson's Creek, Elder John Johnson, Farmville, N. C., 4th Sunday in February.

Low Level, Elder Robert Edwards, Fountain, N. C., 2nd Sunday in January.

Mt. Zion Grove, Elder Cannon Mills, Winterville, N. C., 3rd Sunday in January.

Oaky Grove, Elder Jerman Barnes, Wilson, N. C., 4th Sunday in March.

Friendship, Elder Fate Melton, Farmville, N. C., 3rd Sunday in January.

Cobbs Chapel Elder Fate Melton, Fountain, N. C., 1st Sunday in June.

Gays Chapel, Elder Moses Narvel, Greenville, N. C., 1st Sunday in May.

Union Grove, Elder Jerman Barnes, Wilson, N. C., 2nd Sunday in February.

Healthy Plains, Elder Simon E. Hemby, Greenville, N. C., 3rd Sunday in June.

Fountain Hill, Elder Adam Edwards, Fountain, N. C.,4th Sunday in January.

Jerusalem Grove, Elder Fate Melton, Wilson, N. C., 1st Sunday in May.

Jerico Chapel (Stonycreek, Va.), Elder Simon E. Hemby, 2nd Sunday in December.

LICENSED PREACHERS

Brother Shade Cox, Winterville, N. C.; Brother Nan Hoskin, Wilson, N. C.; Brother Abraham Atkinson, Fountain, N. C.; Brother Walter Brooks, Fountain, N. C.; Brother Andrew Reid, Fieldsboro, N. C.; Brother Isaac Williams, Wilson, N. C.; Brother Levi Edwards, Fountain, N. C.

NAMES OF ORDAINED ELDERS

Elder John Johnson
Elder B. J.. Best
Elder Fate Melton
Elder Jerman Barnes
Elder Ross Williamson
Elder Robert Edwards
Elder Jerry Williamston
Elder Simon E. Hemby
Elder Cannon Mills
Elder Adam Edwards

Licensed Preachers

Brother Shade Cox
Brother Nan Hoskins
Brother Andrew Reid
Brother Walter Brooks
Brother Abraham Atkinson
Brother Isaac Williams
Brother Levi Edwards

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethern:—

This being our 54th Annual Session of Union Primitive Baptist Association held with the Church at Mt. Zion Grove, commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1927.

Brethern we are glad indeed that our Heavenly Father has permitted us to meet in another annual session around one common mercy seat, to mingle our voices together in praise to him who doeth all things well. We are glad that He still enables us to acknowledge His goodness toward us. Glad that he has joined us together from ocean to ocean and has let us see the glorious light of Zion spread far and wide. Although feeling at times that we have a hope, which is the anchor of our souls both sure and steadfast.

Finally, dear brethern, let us stand together as men of war, endure affliction, bear one anothers burdens and pray for each other that the Lord may cause us to thrive and grow, and that He will bend our will His way until traveling days are done.

Elder S. E. Hemby.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To all the Primitive Baptist Associations with whom we correspond.

Dear Sisters:—

This being our 54th annual session of the Union Primitive Baptist Association. We take this method in expressing our heartfelts thanks to the God who rules both times and seasons, for Uniting us together in brotherly love, since meeting in an Annual session many of our number have crossed over Jordan, and of us that

have been spared our journey has been perilous. Sometimes in sorrow, sometimes in joy, sometimes in sickness, sometimes in health, sometimes in hope, sometimes almost in despair, sometimes through doubts and fears, but always remembering that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord. Brethern remember us in your prayers and we pray that the Chief Shepherd will cause our correspondence to continue till time shall be no more.

Elder S. E. Hemby.

CONTRIBUTION OF EACH CHURCH AND HER DELEGATES

Harper Chapel, Bill Williams, Jessie Taylor, Famville, N. C. $23.00
Tyson Creek, Lamm Tyson, Amos Bryant, Winterville, N. C. 21.00
Oaky Grove, John Simms, Wilson, N. C. $10.00
Mt. Zion Grove, Amos Bryant, Winterville, N. C. $13.50
Low Level, James Artis, Fountain, N. C. $7.00
Cobbs Chapel, Oscar Wooten, Marcellus Moore $7.50
Friendship, W. M. Finch, Bennie Bynums, Lucama, N. C. $29.00
Seven Holly, Golden Barnes, Farmville, N. C. $20.50
Union Grove, John Simms, Wilson, N. C. $19.00
Healthy Plains, Leaston Pitt, Wilson, N. C. $9.00
Fountain Hill, Henry Wooten, Fountain, N. C. $6.50
Gays Chapel, John Ellis, Farmville, N. C. $8.00
Jeruselam Grove, Leaston Pitt, Wilson, N. C. $6.50
Jerico Chapel, Golden Barnes, Battleboro, N. C. $2.00
Found in the hands of Treasurer $24.25

RULES OF DECORUM

1. No member shall be received from a sister church without a letter of dismission.

2. If a member be given to raising confusion in the church, whether minister or member, the church must at once take steps to exclude such member.

3. No member shall be allowed to visit ball rooms or parties; and if they do they will be in the hands of the church and will be excluded from the church.

4. Members who will not obey our rules which are simple and easy will not be held.

5. When a member has been excluded for violating the rules of the church, comes back and makes confession before the church,

it is the duty of the church to receive the member. And if there are any through malice, not willing to receive the member, they shall be in the hands of the church.

6. Each church shall fast three times each year.

7. No ordained church of the same faith shall be nearer than seven miles.

8. Any member who calls for their name and keeps it in his or her pocket over three months is considered out of the church.

9. Any member failing to attend three succeeding quarterly meetings without sickness shall be in the hands of the church.

10. All Elders and Ministers of this Association shall hereafter return their credentials and license to the Association at its annual meeting, that they may be in possession of the Association in case it has anything against such Elder or Minister.

11. All churches of this Association shall have ordained Deacons if they possibly can.

12. Every church of this Association shall have power to hold an election once a year and elect or re-elect their pastor.

13. No licensed minister shall be ordained in this Association without first building up a church and receiving two or three members, or except some church called for him for their pastor, then he must preach a trial sermon before three or more Elders, then he shall be fit for ordination.

14. Any church belonging to the Union Association if cut off or dropped by an act of this body or a Union meeting, no brother or brothers shall take it up, neither any Association whom we correspond with. Such church shall be received only by petitionary letters to the Union.

15. We especially prohibit any member belonging to the Union Association to join any secret organization. If any member joins such society they shall not be held by any church belonging to the Union Association. If any church knowingly holds such member or members, it shall be dropped by the Association.

ELDER JOHN JOHNSON, Moderator
BRO. DAVID BYNUM, Clerk.

ABSTRACTS OF PRINCIPLES

We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are words of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

We believe in one Superior Eternal God the creator and upholder of all beings and the disposer of all events for there are three that bear record in heaven; the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost and these three are one. 1 John 1:5.

We believe in the total depravity and just condemnation of all the fallen race of Adam.

We believe in original sin and that the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted, regenerated, santified by the Holy Ghost.

We believe that the saints shall always preserve in grace and never finally fall away.

We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers in Jesus Christ are the only subjects entitled to these privileges.

We believe the mode of baptism is by immersing in water.

We believe that God chose his people in Christ Jesus before the world began.

We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of ordinances only such as are regularly baptized, called and come under the imposition of the hands presbyter.

We believe that none but regular baptized members have the right to commune at the Lord's Table.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Pastors	DELEGATES	Baptized	Rec. by Letter	Rec. on Con. Faith	Excluded	Restored	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contributions
Harpers Chapel	John Johnson	Bill Williams, Jessie Taylor	0	0	0	0	0	3	38	$23.00
Tyson Creek	John Johnson	Lamm Tyson, Amos Bryant	1	0	0	0	0	0	31	21.00
Oaky Grove	Jerman Barnes	John Simms	1	0	2	0	2	2	17	10.00
Mt. Zion Grove	Cannon Mills	Amos Bryant	0	0	0	3	0	1	20	13.50
Low Level	Robert Edwards	James Artis	1	0	0	2	0	0	13	7.00
Cobbs Chapel	John Johnson	Oscar Wooten	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	7.50
Friendship	John Johnson	W. M. Finch, Bennie Bynum	0	0	1	1	0	1	47	29.00
Seven Holly	Simon Hemby	Golden Barnes	0	0	0	0	0	2	33	20.50
Gay's Chapel	John Johnson	John Ellis	6	1	0	1	1	0	11	8.00
Union Grove	Jerman Barnes	John Simms	1	0	0	2	0	0	31	19.00
Healthy Plain	Simon Hemby	Leaston Pitt	1	0	2	0	0	0	13	9.00
Fountain Hill	Adam Edwards	Henry Wooten	1	0	1	0	0	0	9	6.50
Jeruselam Grove	Fate Melton	Leaston Pitt	1	0	0	0	0	1	10	6.50
Jerico Chapel	Simon Hemby	Golden Barnes	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	2.00

PROCEEDINGS

— OF THE —

55th. ANNUAL SESSION

— OF THE —

Union Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

The Church of

Tyson Creek

Commencing on Friday Before 1st. Saturday and Sunday in October, 1, 2, 3, 1928

Barrett's Printing House,
Wilson, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

The 55th. Annual Session of The Union Primitive Baptist Association held with Tyson Creek Church, commencing on Friday before the First Sunday in October 1 2-3 1929.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The service opened by singing hymn 529, lined by Elder S. E Hemby. Then Bro. Leston Pitt led in prayer. Elder S. E. Hemby read the law the 18th. Chapter of St. Matthew, 1st. to 17th. verses. Then Elder Jerry Williams was called to the stand to preach the Introductory Sermon. His text was from ____. Next was Elder Adam Edwards to preach the alternate sermon. His text was from____ Then the Moderator called Elder S. E. Hemby to close the service by singing hymn No. 505.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

After an intermission of one hour the messengers assembled themselves together for the afternoon session and began by singing hymn No. 533. Prayer by Elder James Hines. Then Conference was pronounced open.

It was motion and seconded that the messengers retire and appoint a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. and other officers of the Association.

The several delegates returned with the verdict, that they all agreed to appoint Eld. John Johnson, Moderator; Bro. David Bynum, Clerk; Elder S. E. Hemby, Asst. Moderator; Bro. Benjamin Bynum, Asst. Clerk; Bro. William Finch, Treasurer and Bro. John Paton Reporter.

Motion and seconded that we have an evening lesson, read by Elder S. E. Hemby. He read the 41st. chapter of Psalms of David.

Motion and seconded that visiting brothers be invited to take part in this Conference and make themselves at home.

Motion and seconded that a Committee on preaching be appointed.

Motion and seconded that Elders John Johnson, James Hines and Adam Edwards be on the Committee.

Motion and seconded that the Arrangement Committee make their report.

Bro. Gethro Dickson was sent to the stand to open the service. He did so by singing hymn No. 35 and offered prayer to Almighty God.

Motion and seconded that we choose a Finance Committee. Bros. Benjamin Bynum, Amos Bryant, James Artist, O. S. Wooten and Lestern Pitt,

Motion and seconded that the messengers from the several Churches make their reports by calling their names and that the Churches be enrolled. The delegates representing the following Churces in peace:

Harpers Chapel, Bill Williams and Jessie Taylor Tyson Creek, Lamm Tyson and Frank Vines. Oaky Grove, John Sims. Mt. Zion Grove Amos Bryant. Low Level, James Artist. Cobs Chapel, O. S. Wooten. Friendship, W. M. Finch, Benjamin Bynum. Seven Holly, Golden Barnes. Gays Chapel, John Ellis. Union Grove, John Sims, Eddie Rich. Healthy Plain, Lester Pitt. Fountain Hill, Henry Wooten, Jerusalem Grove, Lestern Pitt. Jericho Chapel, Earl Gay,

Motion and seconded that report of messengers be received.

Motion and seconded that messengers from our Corresponding Association make their report.

Elder George Best represented the Corresponding Association as being in peace.

Bro. Sherman Newton represented the Radicue Association as being in peace.

Elder Charlie Stewart and Bro. Phelix Fowler represented the Little River Association as being in peace and desiring to keep up a friendly correspondence.

Bro. Nathan Blackwell from Indianapolis. Ind. represented the Indian Creek Association as being in peace.

Bro. Charlie Green represented the Loving Association as being in peace.

The messengers reports were received by the Moderator extending his right hand of fellowship to the messengers The Consolidated and Flint River Assocition was repre. by letter

Motion made and seconded that the Association be received, motion made and seconded that the Elders and Ministers of this Association shall present their license to the Clerk of this Association

Motion made and seconded that the Moderator and Clerk have 1000 minutes printed.

Motion made and seconded that conference adjourn by singing No. 701.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Delegates met persuant to adjournment and opened by singing hymn No. 500.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of decorum and articl.s of faith be read in this Association. Hymn No. 3 was sung. Bro. Nathan Blackwell then led in prayer. The moderator announced the Conference ready for business and made a few brief remarks to the brethren and friends.

Motion made and seconded that a list of delegates names be called, all present, absents noted.

Motion made and seconded that visiting brethren be invited to seats with us, take a part with us in the conference and feel themselves at home

Motion made and seconded that Arrangement committee make their report.

Bro. James Novel was sent to the stand to open service and sang hymn No.____ Elder Isaac Williams followed. His text was from Isaiah, 57th. chapter, 3-7 verse. Elder George Best followed him. His text was from 1st. chapter St. John.

On motion and seconded that Friday evenings session be read and approved. Motion that the minutes be received.

On motion Petitionary letters be called for if there are any.

Bro. Felix Fowler came forth and called for Elder James Hines to continue with the church at Mt. Hovard Church it was granted. Bro. Charlie Green came forth and called for Elder James Hines (Loving Association) Hartsville Church. It was also granted.

Bro. Nathan Blackwell came forth to commend the Association on sending Elders Hemby and Hines to preach for them in his home in Indianapolis, Ind.

On motion and seconded that the several delegates retire and decide where the next Association shall convene. They returned with the verdict that the next Association will be held with the church at Union Grove in Wilson, N. C., near the Colored Graded School. Elder Simon Hemby to preach the introductory sermon and Elder Fate Melton to preach the alternate sermon.

Motion and seconded that Elder Hemby prepare the circular and correspondence letters.

Motion and seconded that we get out messengers to sister Associations. To the Little River Association, Elders Hemby and Hines. Corresponding Association, Elders Johnson and Melton. Loving Association, September 4th., 1929. Hartsville Church, Bros. Reid and Bryant.

Motion and seconded that the Articles of Faith, names of Ministers and their Post Office be printed on the face of the minutes.

Motion and seconded Conference adjourn for an hour or more. Sang hymn No. 501. Benediction by Elder Johnson.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

After an intermission of one hour the delegates assembled themselves together for service and sang hymn No. 382, lined by Elder Hemby. He also led in prayer. The Moderntor announced Conference ready for business

Motion and seconded that a list of delegates be called and enrolled. All present. Absentees noted.

Motion and seconded visiting brethren be invited to seats with us, take part in Conference and make themselve at home.

Motion and seconded we take up unfinished business.

Motion and seconded that we send Elders Hemby, and Melton as Messengers to the Indian Creek Association in Miss. beginning on Friday before the 4th. Sunday in September, 1929.

Motion and seconded that we correspond with the consolidated Silent River and Running Water Associations by letter and a file of minutes.

Motion and seconded that petitionary letters be called for if there are any.

Motion and seconded that the Committee on Arrangement of preaching make their report. They sent to the stand Bro, Andrew Reid to open service. He opened by using hymn No. 592 and led in prayer Text—"Where was He Born, King of the Jews", St. Matthew, 2nd. chapter, 2nd. verse. Eld. John Dillahunt followed and sang hymn No, 688. Text--"And There Appeared a Great Wonder in Heaven.", Rev. 12th. chapter, Elder Charlie Stewart came next and sang hymn No. 284 and preached from the same text and closed services by singing No. 405. Benediction by Elder Stewart.

Motion and seconded that Saturday morning session be read and approved. Motion and seconded that Saturday morning session be received.

Motioned and seconded the circular and corresponding letters be read. Motion and seconded the letters be received.

Motion and seconded that arbituary of Elder Ross Williams be copied in these minutes.

Dear Brethren and Friends: Since we could not get the correct copy of Elder William's age at this writing, we decided

to leave off the Arbituary of his life until the near future.

Elder S. E. Hemby, Asst. Moderator
Bro. David Bynum, Clerk

Motion and seconded that we take up the contribution.

Contributions as follows:

Harpers Chapel, Bill Williams, Jessie Taylor	$18.50
Tyson Creek, Lamm Tyson, Frank Vines	15.00
Oaky Grove, John Sims	9.00
Mt. Zion Grove, Amos Bryant	11.50
Low Level, James Artist	5.00
Cobb's Chapel, O. S. Wooten	5 50
Friendship, W. M. Finch, Benjamin Bynum	30.50
Seven Holly, Golden Barnes	20.50
Union Grove, John Sims, Eddie Rich	17.50
Healthy Plain, Leston Pitt	9 00
Gay's Chapel, John Ellis	6.50
Fountain Hill, Henry Wooten	7 00
Jerusalem Grove, Leston Pitt	6.00
Jericho Chapel, Earl Gay	2.00
Total	$153.50

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

The service began by singing hymn 531 and was opened by Bro. Leston Pitts, who led in prayer.

The Moderator made a few brief remarks and then called Bro. Lewis Edwards to the stand to open service, followed by Elder Charlie Stewart, who sang hymn 174 His text was 2nd. Timothy, 3rd. chapter. Words --"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

Next came Elder James Hines and sang hymn 468. His text was from 14th. chapter St. John; "Let not your heart be troubled." Elder Johnson preached from the same text, then called Elder Hemby who sang hymn 288 and bore witness with the leading brethren and closed the services. Benediction.

Elder J. H. Johnson, Moderator
Bro. David Bynum, Clerk

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Service began by singing hymn 339. Prayer by Bro Blackwell. Bro. Leston Pitt was called by the Moderator to open the services. He was followed by Elder George Best who sang hymn 372, his text was from 6th chapter of St John.

Next came forth to preach was Elder Charlie Stewart. He sang hymn 339 and preached from 6th chapter of St. John, followed by Elder Hines who sang hymn 400 and used same text; followed by Elder Hemby and bore witness with the four leading brethren and closed the services by singing hymn 270. Benediction by Elder Hemby.

Motion and seconded that the old Treasurar left in Treasury 65c.

Motion and seconded report of Treasurer be received.

Motion and seconded that Finance Committee pay off her expenses.

Motion and seconded that Conference adjourn until tomorrow morning, by singing hymn 501, Benediction by Elder John Johnson, the Moderator.

Left in Treasury $65.00.

Elder John Johnson, Moderator
" Simon Hemby, Asst. Mod.
Bro. David Bynum, Clerk
" Benjamin Bynum, Asst. Clerk
" William Finch, Treasurer

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

The delegates all met pursuant to adjournment and assembled themselves together and opened services by singing hymn 400, lined by Elder Hines. Prayer by Bro. Green. Then the Moderator announced Conference ready for business and called Bro. Blackwell from Indiana to open the service. He sang hymn 19 and spoke a few words on professions of faith and then bowed in prayer to the Almighty God of Heaven.

On motion Arrangement Committee make their report. They reported Bro, Brooks to the stand to open service with song and praise. Elder Dillahunt followed whose text was from 1st. chapter of St. John, 1st. verse. Elder Porter followed with 8th. chapter of Rome Elder Best followed with a text from 5th. chapter St. John, 1st. verse. Elder Cannon Mills preached from the same text Elder Hines sang hymn No. 400 and preached from 14th. chapter of St. John, "Let not your heart be troubled." Elder Hemby came forth and bore witness with the four leading brethren and closed the services by thanking the people for their nice behavior and taking care of the Association and kindly sang hymn No. 618. Benediction by Elder Johnson.

Elder John Johnson, Moderator
Elder Simon Hemby, Asst. Mod,
Bro. David Bynum, Clerk
" Benjamin Bynum, Asst. Clerk

LIST OF ELDERS, THEIR POST OFFICE, CHURCHES AND TIME OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Harper's Chapel, Elder John Johnson, Farmville, 3rd. Sunday in February.

Tyson Creek. Elder John Johnson. Farmville, 4th. Sunday in February.

Low Level, Elder Robert Edwards, Fountain or Wilson, 2nd. Sunday in January.

Mt Zion Grove, Elder Cannon Mills, Winterville, 3rd. Sunday in January.

Oaky Grove, Elder Jerman Barnes, Wilson, 4th. Sunday in March.

Friendship, Elder Fate Melton, Wilson, 3rd. Sunday in January.

Cobb's Chapel, Elder John Johnson, Farmville. 1st. Sunday in June.

Gay's Chapel, Elder John Johnson, Farmville, 1st. Sunday in May.

Union Grove, Elder Jerman Barnes, Wilson, 2nd. Sunday in February.

Healthy Plain, Elder S. E. Hemby, Greenville, 3rd. Sunday in June

Fountain Hill, Elder Adam Edwards, Fountain, 4th. Sunday in January.

Jerusalem Grove. Elder Fate Melton, 1st Sunday in June.

Jericho Chapel (Stoney Creek, Va) Elder S. E. Hemby, 2nd. Sunday in December.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren:

This being our 55th. annual session of the Union Primitive Baptist Association, held with the church at Tyson's Creek commencing on Friday before 1st. Sunday in October, 1928.

Brethren, we are glad that our Heavenly Father has permitted us to meet in another annual session around one common mercy seat to mingle our voices together in praise to Him who has called us out of darkness into this marvelous light. We are glad this morning that we are found in time and not in eter-

nity, and still trying to keep the unity of the spirit in the bounds of peace. Glad that among our correspondence the North has given them up and the South has not kept them back. But his sons have come from afar and his daughters from the end of the earth. Although feeling at times almost forsaken, we have a hope which is the anchor of our soul both sure and steadfast. Finally dear brethren let us stand together as men of war. endure afflictions bear one anothers burdens and pray for each other that the good Lord may cause us to thrive and grow, and that he will bend our will his way until traveling days are done.

ELDER S. E. HEMBY

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To all the Primitive Baptist Associations with Whom We Correspond:

Dear Sisters—This being our 55th. annual session of the Union Primitive Baptist Association, we take this method of expressing our heart felt thanks to God who rules both heaven and earth, both time and seasons for giving us this friendly correspondence and mutual love. Since meeting together in an annual session, many of our friends have gone to their long eternal home. And to us that have been spared our journey has been perilous. So dear brethren, let us try to keep our hearts engaged on the wonderful works of the Lord, and on the shortness of time and the length of eternity. Knowing that the time that knows us now will soon know us no more forever.

"Think, oh my soul, another year,
Of thy short life is past;
I cannot long continue here,
and this may be the last."

Brethren remember us in your prayers and we pray that the chief shepherd will cause our correspondence to continue till traveling days are done.

ELDER S. E. HEMBY

LICENSED PREACHERS

Bro. Shade Cox ..... Winterville, N. C.
" Van Haskin ..... Wilson, N. C.
" Walter Brooks ..... Fountain, N. C.
" Andrew Reid ..... Farmville, N. C.
" Levie Edwards ..... Fountain, N. C.

NAMES OF ORDAINED ELDERS

Elder John Johnson
" Jerman Barnes
" S. E. Hemby
" Robert Edwards
" Jerry Williams

Elder Adam Edwards
" Cannon Mills
" Fate Melton
" Isaac Williams

DELEGATE AND CONTRIBUTION OF EACH CHURCH

Harper's Chapel, Bill Williams, Jesse Taylor	$18.50
Tyson Creek, Len Tyson, Frank Vines	15.00
Oaky Grove, John Sims	9.00
Mt. Zion Grove, Amos Bryant	11.50
Low Level, James Artist	5.00
Cobb's Chapel, O. S. Wooten	5.50
Friendship, W. M. Finch, Benjamin Bynum	30.50
Seven Holly, Golden Barnes	20.50
Union Grove, John Sims, Eddie Rich	17 50
Healthy Plain, Leston Pitt	9.00
Fountain Hill, Henry Wooten	7.00
Jerusalem Grove, Leston Pitt	6.00
Gay's Chapel, John Ellis	6.50
Jericho Chapel, Earl Gay	2.00
Found in hands of Treasurer	.60

RULES OF DECORUM

1. No member shall be received from a sister church without a letter of dismission.

2. If a member be given to raising confusion in the church, whether minister or member, the church must at once take steps to exclude such member.

3. No member shall be allowed to visit ball rooms or parties; and if they do they will be in the hands of the church and will be excluded from the church.

4. Members who will not obey our rules which are simple and easy will not be held.

5. When a member has been excluded for violating the rules of the church, comes back and makes confession before the church, it is the duty of the church to receive the member. And if there are any through malice, not willing to receive the member, they shall be in the hands of the church.

6. Each church shall fast three times each year.

7. No ordained church of the same faith shall be nearer than seven miles.

8. Any member who calls for their name and keeps it in his or her pocket over three months is considered out of the church.

9. Any member failing to attend three succeeding quarterly meetings without sickness shall be in the hands of the church.

10. All Elders and Ministers of the Association shall hereafter return their credentials and license to the Association at its annual meeting, that they may be in possession of the Association in case it has anything against such Elder or Minister.

11. All churches of this Association shall have ordained Deacons if they possibly can.

12. Every Church of this Association shall have power to hold an election once a year and elect or re-elect their pastor.

13. No licensed minister shall be ordained in this Association without first building up a church and receiving two or three members, or except some church called for him for their pastor, then he must preach a trial sermon before three or more Elders, then he shall be fit for ordination.

14. Any church belonging to the Union Association if cut off or dropped by an act of this body or a Union meeting, no brother or brothers shall take it up, neither any Association whom we correspond with. Such church shall be received only by petitionary letters to the Union.

15. We especially prohibit any member belonging to the Union Association to join any secret organization. If any member joins such society they shall not be held by any church belonging to the Union Association. If any church knowingly holds such member or members, it shall be dropped by the Association.

ELDER JOHN JOHNSON, Moderator
BRO. DAVID BYNUM, Clerk

ABSTRACTS OF PRINCIPLES

We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

We believe in one Superior Eternal God, the creator and up-

holder of all beings and the disposer of all events, for there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one. 1 John 1:5.

We believe in the total depravity and just condemnation of all the fallen race of Adam.

We believe in original sin and that the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted regenerated, sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

We believe that the saints shall always preserve in grace and never finally fall away.

We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saint's feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers in Jesus Christ are the only subjects entitled to these privileges.

We believe the mode of baptism is by immersing in water.

We believe that God chose his people in Christ Jesus before the world began.

We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of ordinances only such as are regularly baptized, called and come under the imposition of the hands presbyter.

We believe that none but regularly baptized members have the right to commune at the Lord's Table.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	ASTORS	DELEGATES	Baptized	Rec. by Letter	Rec Con. Faith	Dismissed	Restored	Deceased	Membership	Contribution
Harpers Chapel	John Johnson	Bill Williams, Jesse Taylor	0	0	2	0	0	5	32	$18.50
Tyson Creek	" "	Lamm Tyson, Frank Vines	0	0	0	0	0	3	28	15.00
Oaky Grove	Jerman Barnes	John Sims	1	0	0	0	0	1	18	9.00
Mt. Zion Grove	Cannon Mills	Amos Bryant	0	0	0	4	0	0	16	11.50
Low Level	Robert Edwards	James Artist	1	0	0	0	1	0	11	5.00
Cobbs Chapel	John Johnson	O. S. Wooten	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	5.50
Friendship	Fate Melton	W. M. Finch, Benj. Bynum	3	0	0	0	0	1	49	30.50
Seven Holly	Simon Hemby	Golden Barnes	0	0	0	1	0	0	33	20.50
Gays Chapel	John Johnson	John Ellis	1	0	0	0	0	1	10	17.50
Union Grove	Jerman Barnes	John Sims, Eddie Ricks	1	0	0	1	0	1	29	9 00
Healthy Plain	Simon Hemby	Leston Pitt	1	0	1	0	1	0	10	6 50
Fountain Hill	Adam Edwards	Henry Wooten	0	0	2	0	0	0	10	7.00
Jerusalem Grove	Fate Melton	Leston Pitt	1	0	1	0	0	0	10	6.00
Jerico Chapel	Simon Hemby	Earl Gay	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2.00

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

56 ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Union Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

Church of Union Grove

Wilson County N. C.

Commencing On Friday Before The First Saturday and Sunday In October 4, 5, 6, 1929

Renfrew Printing Co. Greenville, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The services opened with praise and prayer, Elder Robert Edwards was called by the Moderator to read the morning lesson. He chose for the morning lesson the 2nd chapter of Col. and after singing offered prayer. The Moderator then introduced Elder Fate Melton to the stand to preach the introductory sermon. He chose as a text St. John 14th Chapter and 1st to 3rd verse, followed by Elder S. E. Hemby, Alternate, who sang hymn No. 5 and preached from the 15th Chapter of St. John, after which the services was closed by singing hymn No. 503. Benediction by Elder John Johnson. Adjournment for one hour.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

After an intermission of one hour the Association assembled singing hymn No. 533. Prayer by Elder H. M. Smith, then our former Moderator, Elder John Johnson, who hod been Moderator for a number of years, tendered his resignation, which was accepted by the Delegates.

On motion, the several Delegates retire and choose a moderator and Clerk, the Delegates chose Elder Simon E. Hemby, Moderator and Elder Fate Melton, Assistant. Brother David Bynums, Clerk. Brother Bennie Bynums, Assistant.

On motion, Brother William Finch was chosen Treasurer. Brother Bill Williams Reporter. Then the Moderator and other officers arose and made a few remarks, thanking the Delegates for the confidence bestowed on them.

On motion, we have a scripture lesson read, Elder Robert Edwards read the 23rd Psalm.

On motion, Visiting Brethren be invited to seats with us.

On motion, Committee on Arrangements of Preaching be appointed. Committee on Arrangement of Preaching, Elder Robert Edwards, Elder Fate Melton, Elder H. M. Smith.

On motion, Committee on Preaching make their report. They appointed Brothers James Norvel and Abraham Atkinson to the stand. Brother Norvel sang 3rd hymn and preached from St. John 14-1. Brother Abraham sang 35th hymn and preached from same text.

On motion, we choose a Finance Committee. Bros. Bennie Bynums, Amos Bryant, James Artis, O. S. Wooten, John Sims.

On motion, the list of churches be called and Delegates names enrolled.

On motion, the Delegates from the several churches make their report. The following churches reported in peace together

with their Delegates. Harpers Chapel, Bill Williams, Jesse Taylor. Tysons Creek, Lamm Tyson, Frank Vines. Oaky Grove, John Sims. Mt. Zion Grove, Amos Bryant. Lowlevel, James Artis. Cobb's Chapel, O. S. Wooten. Friendship, William Finch, Bennie Bynums. Seven Holly, Golden Barnes. Gays Chapel, John Ellis. Union Grove, John Sims. Healthy Plains, James Newsom. Fountain Hill, Henry Wooten. Jerusalem Grove, Eddie Ricks. Jerico Chapel Earl May.

On motion, the report of messengers be received.

On motion, the Corresponding Messengers make their report. Elder Thomas Bunch, from the Contentnea, Elder W. S. Killebrew, from the Corresponding, Brother S. B. Lee, from the Little River. All represented in peace and desired that friendly correspondence continue.

On motion, the messengers be received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. The Indian Creek and her Correspondence was received by motion of the conference.

On motion, All Elders and License Preachers present their License to the Association.

On motion, the Moderator and Clerk have 1000 Minutes printed and distributed.

On motion, If no further business, conference adjourn. Sang Praise 501, Benediction by Elder S. E. Hemby.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association met persuant to adjournment and sang Praise 492, Prayer by Elder Thomas Bunch.

On motion, We have a morning lesson read, the Moderator read the 1st Chapter Joel, then the Moderator announced the house in order for business.

On motion, the list of Delegates be called and absentees noted.

On motion, Visiting Brethren and Messengers be invited to seats with us.

On motion, The Arranging Committee make their report. They appointed Brother James Norvel to open and preach the first sermon. He sang hymn No. 376 and preached from St. John 15-4, followed by Elder Jerry Williamston, who used hymn No. 26 and preached from 11th chapter of St. Matthew.

On motion, We choose a committee on Correspondence. Committee, Elder Robert Edwards, Fate Melton.

On motion, We get Messengers to visit Sister Associations. To the Loving 1930 Elder Robert Edwards, Elder Andrew Reid with him. To the Little River, Elder Fate Melton. To the Correspond-

ing, Elder S. E. Hemby. To the Contentnea, Elder Robert Edwards Elder Isaac Williams.

On motion, The Delegates retire and decide where our next session shall convene. The Delegates decided the next session shall convene with Friendship Church, seven miles south of Wilson, N. C., two miles North of Lucama, N. C., near Highway No. 22. Those coming on Bus from Wilson, get off at 2nd side Road on the left. Those coming on Bus from towards Selma, get off at 3rd side road after passing Lucama. Elder James Hines was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder Robert Edwards, Alternate.

On motion, the Articles of Faith, Abstract of Principles, names of Ministers, their postoffice and time of holding their quarterly meeting be printed in the Minutes.

On motion, If no further business, conference adjourn. Conference adjourned by Praise No. ———, Benediction by Moderator.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

After an adjournment of one hour, the Delegates assembled and sang Praise No. 38, lined by Elder James Hines. Prayer by Elder Thomas Bunch, then the Moderator announced the house in order for business.

On motion, The list of Delegates be called and absentees noted.

On motion, Visiting brethrens be invited to seats with us.

On motion, Committee on Arrangements of Preaching make their report. The committee appointed Elder Andrew Reid, Elder John Dilihunt and Elder James Hines to the stand.

On motion, we take up unfinished business.

On motion, We correspond with the Indian Creek and her correspondents by a letter and a file of minutes.

On motion, That petitionary letters be called for.

On motion, Saturday morning session be read.

On motion, Saturday morning session be received and adopted

On motion, Elder S. E. Hemby shall write the circular and corresponding letter and that they be read in the Conference.

On motion, We take up unfinished business.

On motion, We take up association contributions.

On motion, That the 12th Article in the Rules of Decorum be abolished.

On motion, The Moderator and Clerk shall receive $4.00 per day, the Assistant Moderator and Clerk $3.00 per day.

Following the motion to take up contributions each church contributed as follows:

Harpers Chapel	$18.50
Tysons Creek	17.50

Oaky Grove	9.00
Mt. Zion Grove	8.00
Lowlevel	6.00
Cobbs Chapel	9.50
Friendship	34.00
Seven Holly	13.00
Union Grove	17.50
Healthy Plains	7.00
Fountain Hill	7.00
Gays Chapel	7.50
Jerusalem Grove	7.00
Jericho Chapel	2.00
Total	$163.50

FRIDAY NIGHT'S SESSION

The service began by singing hymn No. 377, prayer by Elder Robert Edwards. The Moderator introduced Elder Isaac Williams, who sang hymn No. 372; preached from the 51st chapter of Isaiah, followed by Elder W. S. Killebrew, who sang 391: text St. John 14:6. Elder Thomas Bunch from the Contentnea Association, followed. Text, St. John 4. Elder S. E. Hemby followed, and closed by singing 196. Benediction by Elder Thomas Bunch.

SATURDAY NIGHT'S SESSION

On motion, finance committee make their report.

On motion, report of committee be received and adopted.

On motion, finance committtee pay off expenses.

On motion, if no further business conference adjourn until 1930.

Conference adjourned by singing hymn No. ——. Benediction by the Moderator.

ELDER SIMON E. HEMBY, Moderator.

ELDER FATE MELTON, Asst. Moderator.

BROTHER DAVID BYNUM, Clerk.

BROTHER BENNIE BYNUMS, Asst. Clerk.

SUNDAY AT THE STAND

Upon a previous motion of the committee on arrangements Elder Isaac Williams was sent to the stand. He sang hymn No. 353 and after offering prayer, preached from Isaiah 56:1, followed by Elder W. S. Killebrew, who sang praise No. 168 and preached from St. John 14:1. Elder Thomas Bunch lined hymn No. 372 and preached from Rev. 20th chapter, 1st, 2nd, 3rd verses. Elder Auston Porter followed and preached from Rev. 20th chapter, 1st verse. Elder W. M. K. Taylor sang praise No. 88 and preached from the 6th chapter of St. John. Elder H. M. Smith sang hymn No. 412 and preached from 2nd Kings. Elder Paul Bunch lined praise No. 76; text from the 7th chapter of St. Matthew. Elder James Hines sang praise No. 200, and preached from Exodus 14:13. Elder S. E. Hemby closed the service, preaching from Exodus 15: 1, 2, 3, 4th verses. Then thanking the people for their nice behavior and for being so generous in caring for the association, the 1929 session was closed by singing hymn No. 613.

LIST OF ELDERS, THEIR POST OFFICES, CHURCHES AND TIME OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Harper's Chapel, Elder John Johnson, Farmville, 3rd Sunday in February.

Tyson Creek, Elder S. E. Hemby, Greenville, 4th Sunday in February.

Low Level, Brother Levi Edwards, Fountain, 2nd Sunday in January.

Mt. Zion Grove, Elder Cannon Mills, Winterville, 3rd Sunday in January.

Oaky Grove, Elder Fate Melton, Wilson, 4th Sunday in March.

Friendship, Elder Fate Melton, Wilson, 3rd Sunday in January.

Cobb's Chapel, Elder Andrew Reid, Farmville, 1st Sunday in June.

Gay's Chapel, Elder Isaac Williams, 1st Sunday in May.

Union Grove, Elder Fate Melton, Wilson, 2nd Sunday in February.

Healthy Plains, Elder S. E. Hemby, Greenville, 3rd Sunday in June.

Fountain Hill, Elder Adam Edwards, Fountain, 4th Sunday in January.

Jerusalem Grove, Elder Fate Melton, 1st Sunday in June.

Jericho Chapel, (Stoney Creek, Va.) Elder S. E. Hemby, 2nd Sunday in December.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren:

This being our 56th annual session of the Union Primitive Baptist Association, held with the church at Union Grove commencing on Friday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1929.

Brethren, we are glad that our Heavenly Father has permitted us to meet in another annual session around one common mercy seat to mingle our voices together in praise to Him who has called us out of darkness into this marvelous light. We are glad this morning that we are found in time and not in eternity, and still trying to keep the unity of the spirit in the bounds of peace. Glad that among our correspondents the North has given them up and the South has not kept them back. But his sons have come from afar and his daughters from the end of the earth. Although feeling at times almost forsaken, we have a hope which is the anchor of our soul, both sure and steadfast. Finally, dear brethren, let us stand together as men of war, endure afflictions, bear one another's burdens and pray for each other that the good Lord may cause us to thrive and grow, and that he will bend our will his way until traveling days are done.

ELDER S. E. HEMBY.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To all the Primitive Baptist Associations with Whom we Correspond:

Dear Sisters—This being our 56th annual session of the Union Primitive Baptist Association, we take this method of expressing our heartfelt thanks to God, who rules both heaven and earth, both time and seasons, for giving us this friendly correspondence, and mutual love. Since meeting together in an annual session, many of our friends have gone to their long eternal home. And to us that have been spared, our journey has been perilous. So, dear brethren, let us try to keep our hearts engaged on the wonderful works of the Lord, and on the shortness of time and the length of eternity. Knowing that the time that knows us now will soon know us no more forever

Think, oh my soul, another year,
Of thy short life is past;
I cannot long continue here,
And this may be the last.

Brethren, remember us in your prayers and we pray that the chief shepherd will cause our correspondence to continue till traveling days are done.

ELDER S. E. HEMBY.

LICENSED PREACHERS

Bro. Nan Hoskin ..... Wilson, N. C.
Bro. Walter Brooks ..... Fountain, N. C.
Bro. Levi Edwards ..... Fountain, N. C.
Bro. James Norvel ..... Fountain, N. C.

NAMES OF ORDAINED ELDERS

Elder John Johnson
Elder Jerman Barnes
Elder S. E. Hemby
Elder Robert Edwards
Elder Jerry Williams
Elder Adam Edwards
Elder Cannon Mills
Elder Fate Melton
Elder Isaac Williams
Elder Andrew Reid

DELEGATE AND CONTRIBUTION OF EACH CHURCH

Harper's Chapel, Bill Williams, Jesse Taylor	$18.50
Tyson Creek, Len Tyson, Frank Vines	17.50
Oaky Grove, John Sims	9.00
Mt. Zion Grove, Amos Bryant	8.00
Low Level, James Artis	6.00
Cobb's Chapel, O. S. Wooten	9.50
Friendship, W. M. Finch, Benjamin Bynum	34.00
Seven Holly, Golden Barnes	13.00
Union Grove, John Sims	17.50
Healthy Plain, Leston Pitt	7.00
Fountain Hill, Henry Wooten	7.00
Jerusalem Grove, Eddie Ricks	7.00
Gay's Chapel, John Ellis	7.50
Jericho Chapel, Earl May	2.00
Found in hands of Treasurer	.50

RULES OF DECORUM

1. No member shall be received from a sister church without a letter of dismission.

2. If a member be given to raising confusion in the church, whether minister or member, the church must at once take steps to exclude such member.

3. No member shall be allowed to visit ball rooms or parties, and if they do they will be in the hands of the church and will be excluded from the church.

4. Members who will not obey our rules which are simple and easy, will not be held.

5. When a member has been excluded for violating the rules of the church, comes back and makes confession before the church, it is the duty of the church to receive the member. And if there are any, through malice, not willing to receive the member, they shall be in the hands of the church.

6. Each church shall fast three times each year.

7. No ordained church of the same faith shall be nearer than seven miles.

8. Any member who calls for their name and keeps it in his or her pocket over three months is considered out of the church.

9. Any member failing to attend three succeeding quarterly meetings without sickness shall be in the hands of the church.

10. All Elders and Ministers of the Association shall hereafter return their credentials and license to the Association at its annual meeting, that they may be in possession of the Association in case it has anything against such Elder or Minister.

11. All churches of this Association shall have ordained Deacons if they possibly can.

12. No licensed minister shall be ordained in this Association without first building up a church and receiving two or three members, or except some church called for him for their pastor, then he must preach a trial sermon before three or more Elders, then he shall be fit for ordination.

13. Any church belonging to the Union Association, if cut off or dropped by an act of this body or a Union meeting, no brother or brothers shall take it up, neither any Association whom we correspond with. Such church shall be received only by petitionary letters to the Union.

14. We especially prohibit any member belonging to the Union Association to join any secret organization. If any member joins such society they shall not be held by any church belonging to the Union Association. If any church knowingly holds such member or members, it shall be dropped by the Association.

ELDER S. E. HEMBY, Moderator.
BRO. DAVID BYNUM, Clerk.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

We believe in one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the God head; the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are words of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

We believe the doctrine of original sin. We believe in the

doctrine of man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by imputed brightness of Christ.

We believe that God's elects shall be called, converted and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

We believe that saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall.

We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing the Saints' feet are ordinances, and the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment.

We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous shall be eternal.

We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper except such as regularly ordained presbyter.

ELDER S. E. HEMBY, Moderator.
ELDER FATE MELTON, Asst. Moderator.
BRO. DAVID BYNUM, Clerk.
BRO. BENJAMIN BYNUM, Asst. Clerk.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	DELEGATES	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd on Con.	Dismissed	Restored	Deceased	Membership	Contributions
Harpers Chapel	John Johnson	Bill Williams, J. Taylor	0	0	0	0	0	2		$18.50
Tyson Creek	S. E. Hemby	Lam Tyson, Frank Vines	2	0	0	0	0	2		17.50
Oaky Grove	Fate Melton	John Sims	1	0	0	0	0	0	17	9.00
Mt. Zion Grove	Cannon Mills	Amos Bryant	0	0	0	0	0	1	16	8.00
Low Level	Levi Edwards	James Artis	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	6.00
Cobb's Chapel	Andrew Reid	Oscar Wooten	6	0	0	0	0	0	15	9.50
Friendship	Fate Melton	William Finch, B. Bynum	10	0	0	11	0	3	56	34.00
Seven Holly	Simon Hemby	Golden Barnes	4	0	0	0	0	0	36	13.00
Gay's Chapel	Isaac Williams	John Ellis	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	7.50
Union Grove	Fate Melton	John Sims	1	0	0	0	0	0	33	17.50
Healthy Plains	Simon Hemby	Jim Newson	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	7.00
Fountain Hill	Adam Edwards	Henry Wooten	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	7.00
Jerusalem Grove	Fate Melton	Eddie Ricks	1	0	0	0	0	1	11	7.00
Jericho Chapel	Simon Hemby	Earl May	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	2.00